

BYAACH!!

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NO MIRC
NO E-MAIL

HERE'S THE 15TH VOLUME OF THE MANGA: GETBACKERS
FOR THE FANS BY A FAN.

REMEMBER, IF YOU LIKE IT, GO BUY IT!

PAGES HAVE BEEN CROPPED TO GET RID OF THE GUTTER,
BUT IT'S STILL VISIBLE,

AS I REALLY DON'T CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT THE QUALITY.

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ALSO I'VE DONE A QUICK JOB ON ANY DOUBLE PAGE SPREADS,
JUST TO MAKE IT EASIER TO READ.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE MY ATTEMPT, GO BUY IT FOR
YOURSELVES AND ENJOY YOUR OWN VERSION..

ANYHOW ENJOY!

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NOTE: DOING THESE IN A BATCH.
BEEN SCANNING ALL MONTH ON THESE.

I SWEAR I HATE FUCKING DOUBLE
PAGES IN HERE. THEY TAKE FOREVER.

THE NEXT 10 OR SO VOLS ARE GONNA
HAVE THE SAME CREDIT PAGE BTW ;D

FROM THE NEXT VOL ONWARDS,
YOU'LL NOTICE I HAVN'T CROPPED PROPERLY.

THIS IS BECAUSE I DONE A BATCH CROP
AND IT WASNT PERFECT, BUT I DONT CARE!

TILL NEXT TIME, ENJOY!

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Ginji and Ban are back on the trail of some missing kids and the Divine Design card game that lured them away. When the GetBackers infiltrate the game company's headquarters, Ban faces off against a powerful foe who's playing for keeps with a stacked deck! But when a bewitching beauty shows up, will she steal Ginji's heart?!



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Story Thus Far:

Ginji Amano can amplify and control electromagnetic waves. Ban Mido has the power to create illusions in people's minds for one minute. Together they are the GetBackers, a retrieval agency whose motto is "We get back what shouldn't be gone." For the right price, they'll recover anything that's been taken.

The students of a prestigious cram school have gone missing, and their parents are afraid this has something to do with the card game they've been playing...which may be a very dangerous game indeed! When Ban, Ginji, Kazuki, Himiko, and Hevn meet up in the abandoned school to search for clues, they discover that for each of them there somehow seems to be a corresponding card! The skeptical Ban nearly destroys the cards in a display of scorn, but he's barely stopped by Himiko and Hevn, who have the feeling that it's a very bad idea. Good thing, too, because it seems that the cards have the ability to affect reality—as the building comes crashing down around them!

Are the GetBackers going to heed this warning and run for their lives? Not likely! But why is the card game named *Divine Design*, and who are these guys who keep quoting from the Bible?!



Ginji Amano

[Nickname: Lightning Lord]

Raised in Infinity Fortress, he's the former leader of the most powerful gang in Underground Shinjuku, the **Volta**. His power is the ability to emit high-voltage electricity.

Height: 176 cm (5'9"), Weight: 62 kg (137 lbs.), Blood Type: O.

Ban Mido

[Nickname: The Man with the Evil Eye]

Besides the fact that he's one quarter German, little is known about his origins. He has two special abilities: the **Evil Eye**, which allows him to show an opponent an illusion for one minute, and his **Snakebite Grip**, which can rip anything apart with its 200 kg per square cm force.

Height: 175 cm (5'8.5"), Weight: 58 kg (128 lbs.), Blood Type: B.



Sariel



Tower Arts
Human
Resources
Director

Tenzen
Kyogokumaru



Tower
Arts
Executive

Toshiki Uryu



Kazuki Fuuchouin

(Nickname:
Kazuki of the Strings)

One of the former Four Emperors of the Volts. A master of Fuuchouin Style String Jutsu and also the lone survivor of the Fuuchouin main house.

ACT VIII: DIVINE DESIGN

Character Bios

Himiko Kudo

(Nickname:
Lady Poison)

A witch who fights using her seven poison perfumes. She and her brother once worked alongside Ban as Plunderers.



Maria

A fortuneteller who lives in Underground Shinjuku's fortune alley.



Intermediary

Hevn

Coordinator. She and the GetBackers have been hired for this job by different clients.



The great Angel Lord who controls Divine Design.

Lucifer

Divine Design's Five Archangels



Uriel

Remiel

Raguel

Gabriel

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IF THESE
FREAKIN'
CARDS
REALLY DO
KNOW OUR
DESTINY...

...THAT
IS!

GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design
Part 4: Namaste

Hired to retrieve some runaways, the GetBackers
sneak into the private school the boys had been
attending. After running into Kazuki, Himiko
and Hevn, they decide to join forces

But the mysterious card game Divine
Design starts giving them bad vibes.

WITH
HIS BLOOD
DRIPPING
DOWN THE
CROSS, GOD
FORGAVE
ALL MAN-
KIND...

THE
HILL OF
GOLGOTHA
WAS THE
PLACE WHERE
CHRIST WAS
PUT TO DEATH
TO ATONE FOR
HUMANITY'S
SINS.

HAH
!

LOOKS
LIKE OUR
FATE'S
ALREADY
BEEN
DECIDED.

I SEE
HOW IT
IS

Authorities are breathing a huge sigh of relief that there were no fatalities involved in the incident.

The police are reporting that they have no suspicions of any foul play connected with the building collapse earlier today. Their current theory is that it was most likely just an unfortunate act of nature.

HONKY TONK

SILAS

HE SURE CAN RUN

IF HE'D GOTTEN CAUGHT, THAT WOULD'VE MEANT THREE YEARS BEHIND BARS

IT'S NO LAUGHING MATTER! GETTING OUTTA THERE AFTERWARD WAS NO CAKEWALK, LEMME TELL YOU!

Damn cops and media showing up and all

SHE SURE IS CHEERFUL

WELL, ANYONE WHO'S INVOLVED WITH THE UNDERWORLD'S BOUND TO MAKE SOME ENEMIES, BUT THAT WAS PRETTY CRAZY

WOW, THAT MUST'VE BEEN HORRIBLE TO BE INVOLVED IN AN EXPLOSION LIKE THAT!

And in regards to the anomalous lightning strikes reported in the city...
According to weather experts.

BUT HOW COULD CARDS LIKE THIS TEACH ANYTHING WORTHWHILE?

WHAA?!

OH! SO THESE ARE THE CARDS THOSE OLD LADIES WERE TALKING ABOUT

There's one of Gin chan, right?

YEAH, I GUESS THAT SCHOOL WAS USING THEM AS A TEACHING AID OR SOMETHING

NOW WHAT?

NOPE!

SO, ANY CLUES ON THE RUN-AWAYS?

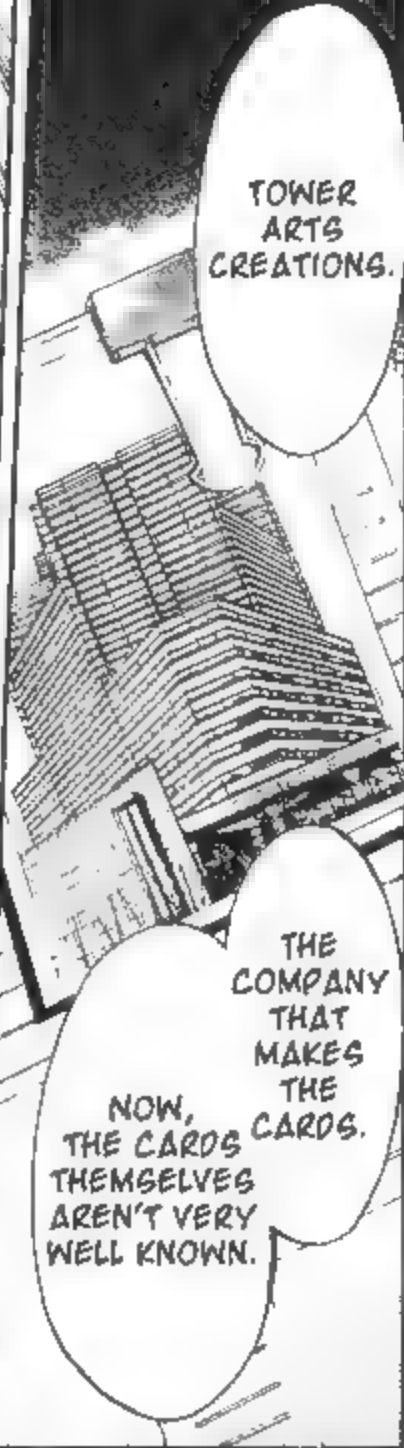
DAMN!

SO WE'RE BACK TO THESE CARDS...



HOW-
EVER...

...FROM WHAT
I'VE DUG UP,
AT LEAST 18
CHILDREN AND
THEIR PARENTS
HAVE BEEN
INVOLVED IN
DANGEROUS
INCIDENTS
AFTER BEING
INTRODUCED TO
THE "DIVINE
DESIGN"
CARDS.



TOWER
ARTS
CREATIONS.

NOW,
THE CARDS
THEMSELVES
AREN'T VERY
WELL KNOWN.

THE
COMPANY
THAT
MAKES
THE
CARDS.



...WE
STILL
DON'T
HAVE
ANY
LEADS.

WELL,
EVEN IF
THESE
CARDS
ARE IN-
VOLVED
IN THE
CASE



WHAT'S
THIS?



OH?
CHECK
AGAIN.



THE
NOTE
HAD ONLY
ONE LINE,
WHICH
SAID...

*AUTHORITIES
FOUND AN
APPARENT
SUICIDE NOTE
NEXT TO A
TRADING CARD
IN THE BOY'S
ROOM

THIS
ARTICLE
?



LIKE A 10-
YEAR-OLD BOY
WHO JUMPED
IN FRONT OF
A SPEEDING
TRAIN TWO
WEEKS AGO.

DANGER-
OUS INCI-
DENTS?



HMM...

"I HAVE
LOST MY
FUTURE."



YES
TWO STUDENTS
FROM THIS
SCHOOL WERE
SUPPOSED TO BE
ON THE PLANE,
BUT THEY WERE
SPARED BECAUSE
BOTH FAMILIES
CANCELED THEIR
TRAVEL PLANS
AT THE LAST
SECOND.

THE
SAPPORO
FLIGHT THAT
CRASHED INTO
THE HANEDA
SEA?

THERE'S
ANOTHER
BOY WHO
VEHE-
MENTLY
INSISTS
THAT THE
CARDS
SAVED HIS
LIFE

REMEMBER
THAT PLANE
CRASH LAST
MONTH?



THE
ARTICLE
I SAW
SAID
THEY
USED
TAROT
CARDS.

SO THAT
WAS THE
SAME
CARDS?

I THINK
I READ
ABOUT
THAT



HOW THE
FAMILIES
WERE
SAVED BY
USING THE
CARDS TO
READ THEIR
FUTURES.

ONE
OF THE
TABLOIDS
HAD A
FIELD
DAY
OVER
IT.



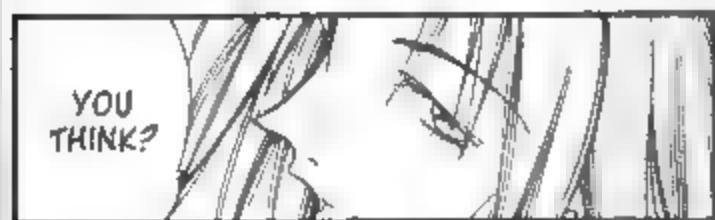
I
HEARD THAT
THEY'VE GROWN
TREMENDOUSLY
SINCE THEIR
RECENT ENTRY
INTO A POPULAR
NEW FIELD
CALLED ART
THERAPY.

THE
COMPANY
PRES-
SURED
THE TAB-
LOID TO
CHANGE
THE DE-
TAILS
FOR A
DESIGN
COMPANY,
IT SEEMS LIKE
TOWER ARTS
HAS A LOT OF
POWER IN THE
PUBLISHING
INDUSTRY.



OBVIOUSLY,
SOME-
THING'S
UP.

PFT!



YOU
THINK?



BUT
ANOTHER
CREEPY THING
ABOUT THE
ARTICLE IS THAT
ITS WRITER AND
EDITOR HAVE
SUDDENLY GONE
MISSING.

ART
THERAPY
HUH?



WELL,
SEEING AS
THESE DIVINE
DESIGN
CARDS ARE
THE ONLY
CLUE WE'VE
GOT

...I SAY
IT'S ABOUT
TIME WE PAID
TOWER ARTS
A LITTLE
VISIT. WHO'S
WITH ME?

HERE
WE GO!

ALL RIGHT,
EVERYONE
READY?



IT'S A
DISGUISE!

HOLD ON,
AM I THE ONLY
ONE WONDERING
WHY THE HELL
WE'RE DRESSED
LIKE THIS?

Why India?

YEAH,
WE'RE
BLENDING
IN REAL
WELL, YOU
MORON!!

I EVEN
GOT ONE OF
MY FRIENDS
IN INDIA TO
ARRANGE AN
APPOINTMENT
WITH THE
COMPANY
FOR US!

ISN'T IT
PERFECT
?!
♡

How come
I have to dress
like a man, but
Kaoru gets to
dress like a girl?

Umm
do I have
to wear
this?

And where'd this
elephant come
from??

DIDN'T
THE BUILD-
ING FALL
BECAUSE
THE CARD
SAID IT
WOULD?

ENEMY
?

THOUGH
WHAT I
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
IS HOW
THEY
KNEW.

OH?

OF
COURSE
NOT! STOP
BELIEV-
ING THAT
CRAP!

I AGREE
THE CARDS
DON'T HAVE
ANY POWER.
THEY'RE
JUST PIECES
OF PAPER.

WE
NEED
TO LOOK
TOTALLY
DIF-
FERENT
FROM
WHAT
HAPPENED
YESTER-
DAY THAT
THE ENEMY
KNOWS ALL
ABOUT US.



...SO
WE DON'T
FIND THE
CHILDREN.

OBVIOUSLY
...



FOR
WHAT
PURPOSE
?



BUT NOT
BECAUSE
IT'S A
CURSE OR
MAGIC OR
SOME-
THING

I STILL
BELIEVE
THAT.

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO WAS
SAVING
TO DIE IF
I BURNED
THE CARD



I THINK
IT'S SOME
KIND OF
INGENIOUS
TRICK.

YES-
TERDAY'S
BUILDING
EXPLOSION
AND THE
CARDS
RESEMB-
LING US...



WHAT
MAKES
YOU
SAY
THAT?

PSYCHO-
LOGICAL
WARFARE
?



WHY
?



IT'S
PROBABLY
SOME KIND
OF PSYCHO-
LOGICAL
WARFARE.

THEY
SET UP
SITUATIONS
THAT MAKE
US THINK
THE CARDS
KNOW
EVERY-
THING

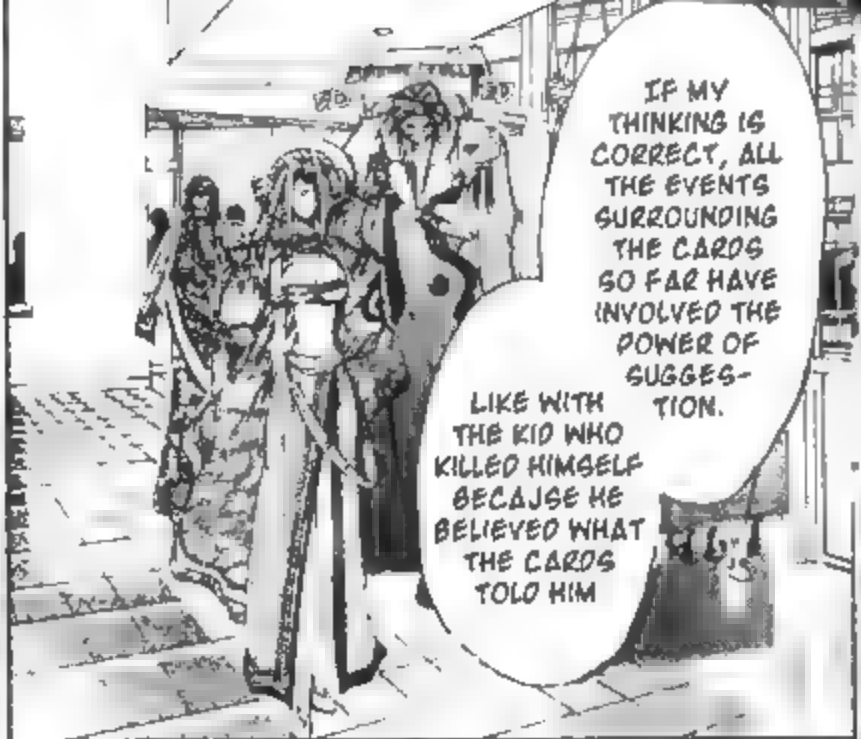


BUT
WHAT
ABOUT
THE
PLANE
CRASH?



THE
CRASH
HAPPENED
SO IT WOULD
CORRESPOND
TO THE
CARDS

IT'S THE
OPPOSITE
IN THAT
CASE



IF MY
THINKING IS
CORRECT, ALL
THE EVENTS
SURROUNDING
THE CARDS
SO FAR HAVE
INVOLVED THE
POWER OF
SUGGES-
TION.

LIKE WITH
THE KID WHO
KILLED HIMSELF
BECAUSE HE
BELIEVED WHAT
THE CARDS
TOLD HIM



YES.

YOU'RE
SAYING
SOMEONE
MADE THE
PLANE CRASH
SO PEOPLE
WOULD BE-
LIEVE IN THE
CARDS?



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
LADY
POISON?



I'M
NOT
SO
SURE

THAT
SEEMS
INCONSIS-
TENT, MS
COORDI-
NATOR



IT'S A
LONG-
TERM
PLAN

IF
THEY'VE
SET THE R
SIGHTS
SO HIGH,
HOW COME
THEY'RE
AFTER
CHILD-
REN?



THAT'S
WHY THEY
NEED PEOPLE
TO BELIEVE
THAT THESE
DIVINE DESIGN
CARDS HAVE
SOME KIND OF
SUPERNATURAL
POWER.

THE
PEOPLE
BEHIND
THIS
MUST BE
PLANNING
ON USING
THESE
CARDS...
...TO
PULL OFF
SOMETHING
BIG.



IF THEY WANT TO PROVE THE POWER OF THE CARDS, THEN WHY WOULD THEY WANT TO HIDE THE FACT THAT DIVINE DESIGN CARDS PREDICTED THE PLANE CRASH?

THEN WHY DID THEY PRES-SURE THE TABLOID?

MAYBE THE PEOPLE BEHIND THIS BELIEVE THAT IF THEY BIND THESE KIDS TO A CULT-LIKE ORGANIZATION, THEY'LL EVENTU-ALLY BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE COUNTRY FROM THE SHADOWS

CHILDREN EVENTU-ALLY GROW UP, AND KIDS WHO ATTEND A PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR THE COUNTRY'S ELITE HAVE A HIGH CHANCE OF BEING IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT FIGURES IN THE FUTURE

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM ?!

Shut up kid!

Who do you think you are?

JEEZ, YOU HAVE AN ANSWER FOR EVERY-THING

GETTING THINGS DRAGGED INTO THE MEDIA SPOTLIGHT RIGHT NOW WOULD BE FAR TOO PREMA-TURE.

FOR NOW, THE EN-EMY IS ONLY CONCERNED WITH THE CHILDREN.

THEY'RE SATISFIED AS LONG AS THE CHILDREN AND THOSE AROUND THEM BELIEVE IN THE CARDS

WHO THE HELL CARES?

WE'LL UNCOVER THE TRUTH SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY.

WHAT ?!

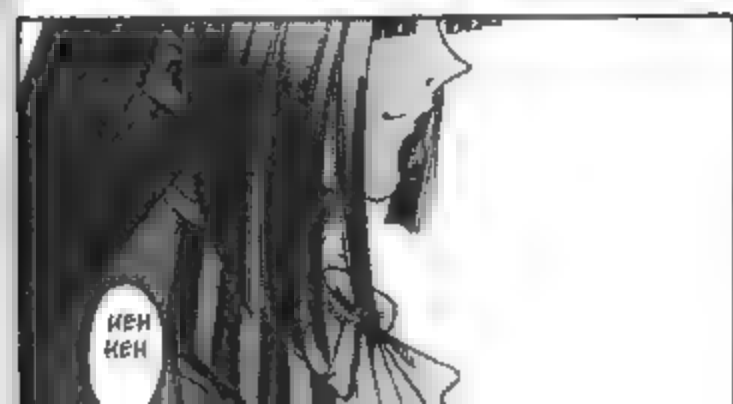
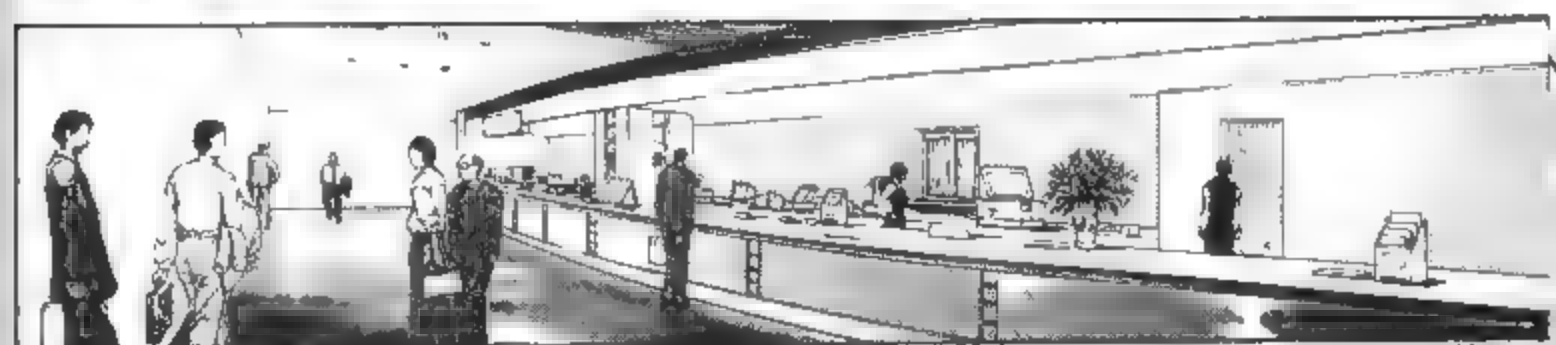
You're just too stupid to under stand my theory

You're drawing too much attention to us

DAMN IDIOTS...

I'M AN EXPERT IN SORCERY.

AND MY EXPERIENCE IS TELLING ME THESE CARDS HAVE MORE TO THEM THAN JUST SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL CRAP. THERE'S SOME KIND OF CURSE POWER OPERATING HERE ..





HOW
MAY WE
HELP YOU,
NANJAARA-
SAMA?

I'M
TENZEN
KYOGOKU-
MARU, HUMAN
RESOURCES
DIRECTOR

WELCOME
TO TOWER
ARTS!



UNFOR-
TUNATELY,
THE ADVERTISING
APPLICATION
DEADLINE
HAS ALREADY
PASSED, SO
I'M AFRAID...

AH, I
SEE

WE'RE A
GROUP OF
ARTISTS WITH
EXTENSIVE
TRAINING IN
THE GANDHARA
TRADITION WE
SAW AN ONLINE
AD SAYING YOUR
FINE COMPANY
IS IN SEARCH OF
NEW TALENT

They'll
buy it



WELL,
SINCE
YOU'RE
CLEARLY
SO PAS-
SIONATE
ABOUT
YOUR
ART...
...WE
COULD
ALLOW
YOU TO
PARTICI-
PATE
IN OUR
TALENT
EXAM.

TALENT
EXAM?



INCLUD-
ING FIVE
YOUNG
BOYS AND
GIRLS
AROUND
THE AGE
OF TEN

WE'RE
AWARE OF
THAT, BUT
WE ALSO
HEARD YOU
WERE CON-
TINUING TO
INCREASE
YOUR WORK-
FORCE



YOU
KNOW
HOW WORD
GETS
AROUND IN
THE ART
INDUSTRY

Ho
ho
ho

Stop
playing
around



WHERE
WOULD
YOU HAVE
HEARD A
THING LIKE
THAT?



THAT'S
RIGHT.

TO
DETERMINE
WHETHER
YOU HAVE
WHAT IT TAKES
AS AN ARTIST
TO BECOME
ONE OF OUR
EMPLOYEES.



WHAT
THE
...?



RIGHT
THIS
WAY.



YEAH,
SOME-
THING'S
UP.

THIS
LOOKS
FIGHTY.

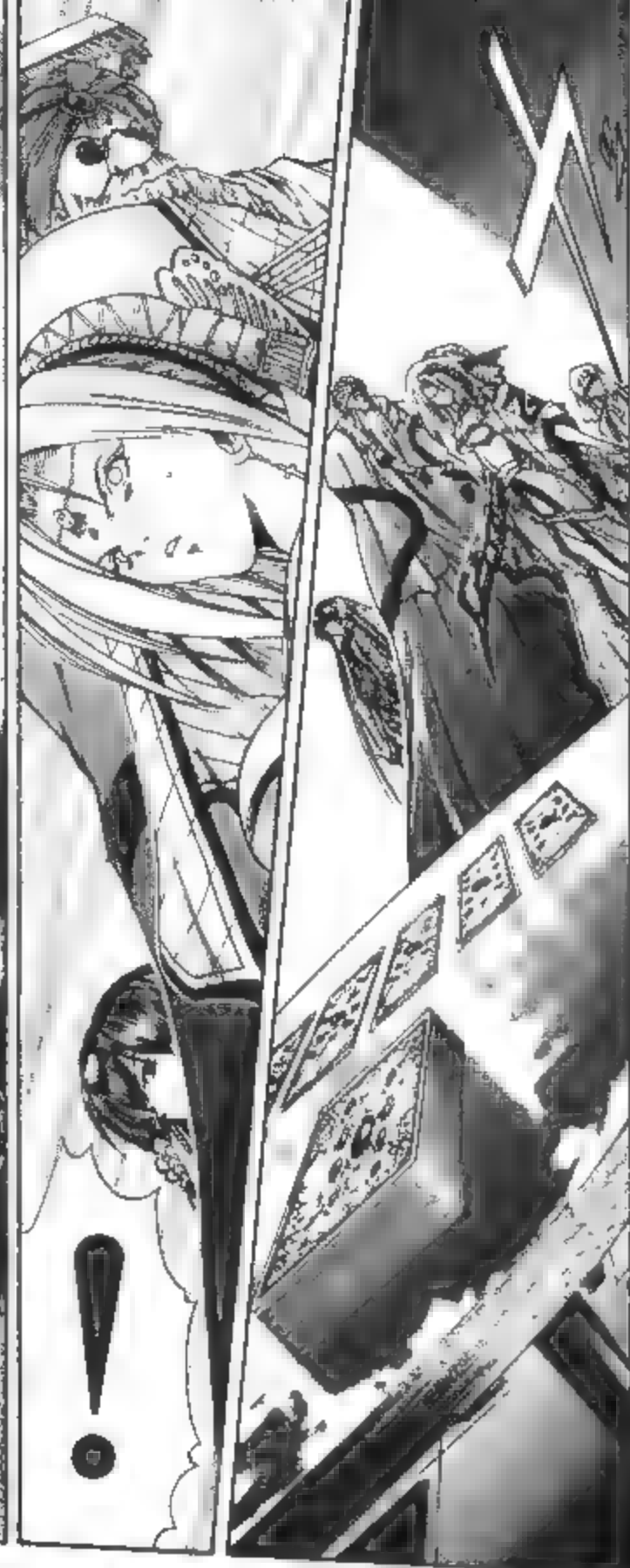


WHAT
DID YOU
EXPECT
FROM THIS
STUPID
PLAN?

Shut
up!
Nanjoara
my ass.



WE'D
BETTER
GET
READY
FOR A
FIGHT...





GetBackers
and other
profes-
sionals!



Welcome!



SHALL
WE
BEGIN
THE
EXAM
?



NOW,
EVERY-
ONE..



?
??
???



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

NO
WAY!

SHUT
UP!

HMMP! WHO
WOULDN'T
BE SUSPI-
CIOUS?
...from inside?

I DON'T
EVEN
SEE THE
DOOR WE
CAME IN
THROUGH

HEH!

I DON'T
SEE ANY
KIND OF
MACHINE

WHERE
IS THAT
IMAGE
BEING
PRO-
JECTED
FROM?

I
THOUGHT
THIS WAS
A GREAT
DISGUISE ..

DAMN,
HE SAW
RIGHT
THROUGH
US



THAT'S
WHAT
ALWAYS
HAPPENS
WHEN YOU
MESS WITH
THE GET-
BACKERS!



HEH!

NICE
TRICK!

BUT
WHAT-
EVER
YOU BAG-
TARDS
ARE PLAN-
NING TO
DO WITH
THESE
CARDS

...YOU
CAN BET
THAT BEFORE
LONG YOU'RE
GONNA
REGRET IT.

GET BACKERS



Hired to retrieve some runaways, the GetBackers sneak into the private school the boys had been attending. After running into Kazuki Himiko and Hevn, they decide to join forces

But what awaits them as they crash Tower Arts, the company behind the mysterious Divine Design cards?

LET
THE
EXAM-
INATION
BEGIN!

SORRY
TO HAVE
KEPT YOU
WAITING

OH
YOU
MEAN THE
CHILDREN
OF GOD?

KIDS
...?

CHILD-
REN OF
GOD?

YO!

SHUT
UP--YOU
ALWAYS
FALL RIGHT
TO SLEEP!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON, BAN-
CHAN? WHERE'S
THE
DOOR WE
CAME IN
THROUGH?

WAIT, THEN
HOW'D WE GET
IN HERE? I'M
GOING TO BE UP
ALL NIGHT THINK-
ING ABOUT THIS

THE
CHILDREN
OF GOD
CHOSEN
BY DIVINE
DESIGN.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

THEIR
DISAP-
PEARANCE
OBVIOUSLY
HAS SOME-
THING TO DO
WITH YOUR
CARDS, SO
HOW ABOUT
SPILLING THE
BEANS?

I DON'T
GIVE A
DAMN
ABOUT
THIS
TEST
WE
WERE
HIRED
TO RE-
TRIEVE
THE
KIDS.

HE
WORRIES
ME

TEE HEE
YOU KNOW
SOMETHING
INTERESTING
IS GOING
TO HAPPEN
WHEN YOU'RE
WITH GINJI-
SAN

It's gross
when he
goes all
droopy like
that



ALL THE
ANSWERS
YOU
SEEK...

...MAY
BE FOUND
WITHIN
DIVINE
DESIGN...

Act VIII: Divine Design
Part 5: The Gaze of the Gorgon

GET BACKERS





SO,
YOU'VE
EACH
DRAWN
YOUR
OWN
CARD.

THEN
HOW ABOUT
LETTING
THE CARDS
DECIDE
YOUR
FATE?



THE
CARDS
WILL
DECIDE
THE
REST

SHUFFLE
THEM, OR
NOT--IT
MAKES NO
DIFFER-
ENCE

SIMPLY
PICK A
CARD
FROM THE
DECK



TEACH
ME HOW,
AND I'LL
TELL YOUR
FORTUNE.

No need to
anticipate
him!

BAN-
CHAN!

HEH HEH
HEH! THIS
IS FUNNY

THESE DIVINE
DESIGN WHAT-
CHAMACALLITS
ARE GONNA
DECIDE OUR
FUTURE?



IT SAYS
"FLAMES
OF
HELL!"



YOUR CON-
FIDENT TONE
IS ENTIRELY
UNWARRANTED,
BUT YES, THERE
SHOULD BE
A CARD LIKE
THAT.

SO, IS
THERE A
"GET OUT
OF TROUBLE
FREE"
CARD?
♡



WHAT
CARD
IS IT?!



HEY!
BAN-
CHAN! IT
MIGHT BE
A TRAP!

Aaaaah!!



VERY
WELL
THEN,
LET'S
TAKE A
LOOK.



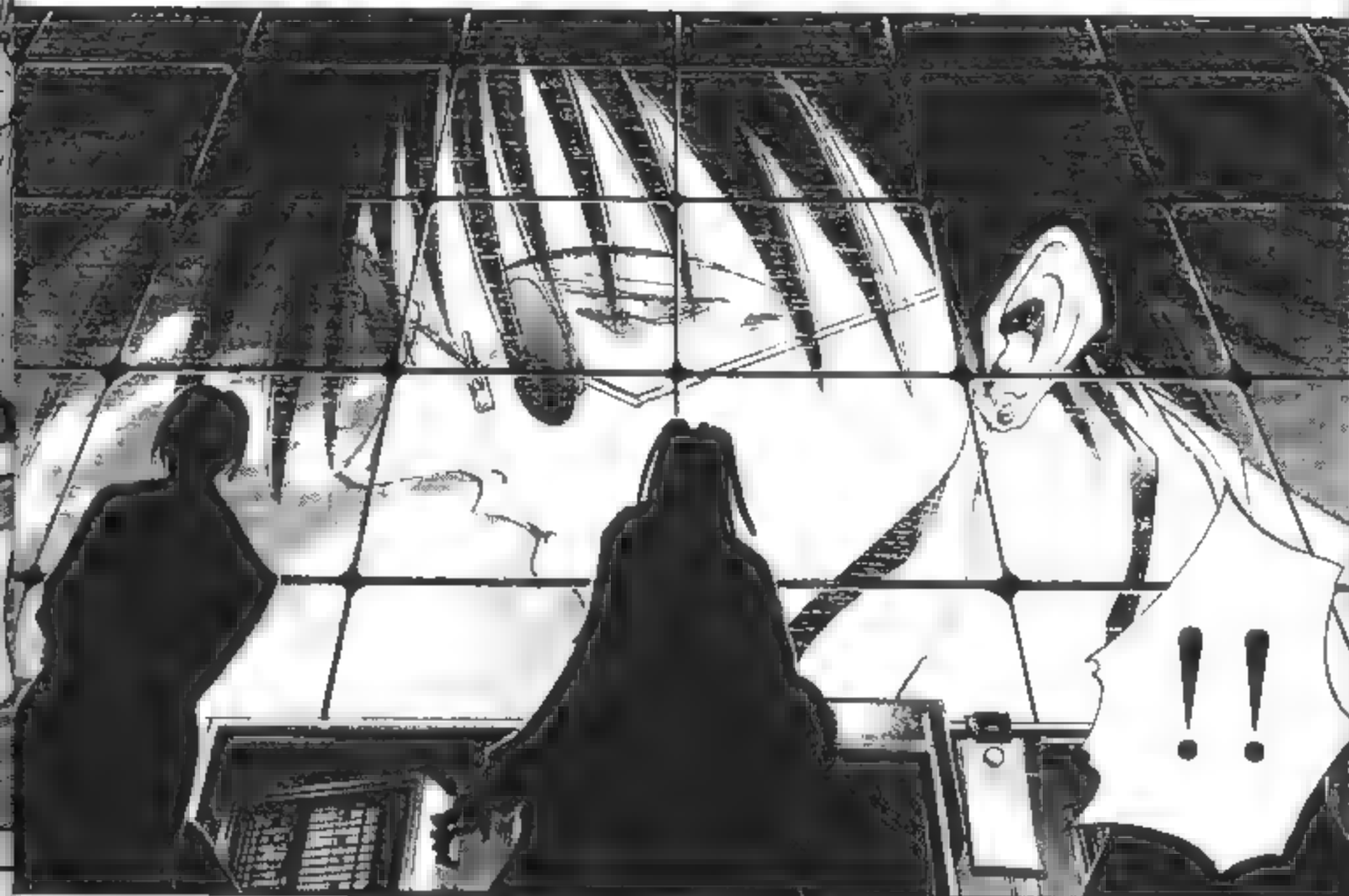
KIND OF A WASTE TO KILL THEM... BUT OH WELL.



SO, HOW IS THEIR ABILITY?



IN-DEED?





Three Gorgon Sisters



Kyogoku-
Kumaru

SIR!

I
WASNT
TOLD OF
THIS.
CON-
FIRM
THESE
NUM-
BERS!



I DREW
A SPECIAL
CARD JUST
FOR YOU.



!

...HAVE
THEIR
BODIES
TURNED TO
STONE!

THOSE
WHO LOOK
INTO THE
EVIL EYES OF
THE GORGON
SISTERS...



TH-THE
THREE
GORGON
SISTERS
?!

THIS
IS YOUR
FATE!



TENZEN
KYOGOKU-
MARU...



...DOMINATOR?!



HIS
SYNCHRO-
RATE HAS
SURPASSED
100 PER-
CENT!
110...120...
IT'S STILL
RISING!

WHA
?!



ORAK



TURN-
ING TO
STONE
?!



AHH
...

MY
BODY'S
...



IT
CAN'T
BE...

IT
CAN'T
BE...

ARE
YOU
A...

MATERIAL-
IZATION...
?!



IT'S
NOT
POS-
SIBLE
!!!



NO...



IMPOS-
SIBLE...



NOO
!!

NO...





I HAD A
BAD FEELING
ABOUT THE
WHOLE THING,
SO I TAGGED
YOU WITH MY
TRACKING
SCENT.

THEN
WE JUST
FOLLOWED
THE SCENT.



YOU
GUYS...
HOW DID
YOU...



...



THE...
POWER
OF...THE
CARDS...

WHY
ARE...
YOU...



YEAH!

TAKE
A LOOK
AT THIS
CARD.



SNAP
OUT
OF IT,
DUMB-
ASS.

WE'VE
FIGURED
OUT YOUR
TRICK!

miriam

BUT
THEN...

HUH?
IT'S
BLANK
...

RIGHT.
ALL FIVE
CARDS
WERE
BLANK.

YOU USED
THE SAME THING
WITH THE FLAMES
OF HELL CARD
TOO, RIGHT? NO
MATTER WHICH
CARD WE CHOSE,
THE SAME
THING WOULD
HAPPEN

THEY
USED
THERMAL
INK THAT
REACTS
TO TEM-
PERA-
TURE
CHANGES
TO TEM-
PERA-
TURE
DIFFERENCES
AMONG
US.

THE
PICTURE
AP-
PEARED!

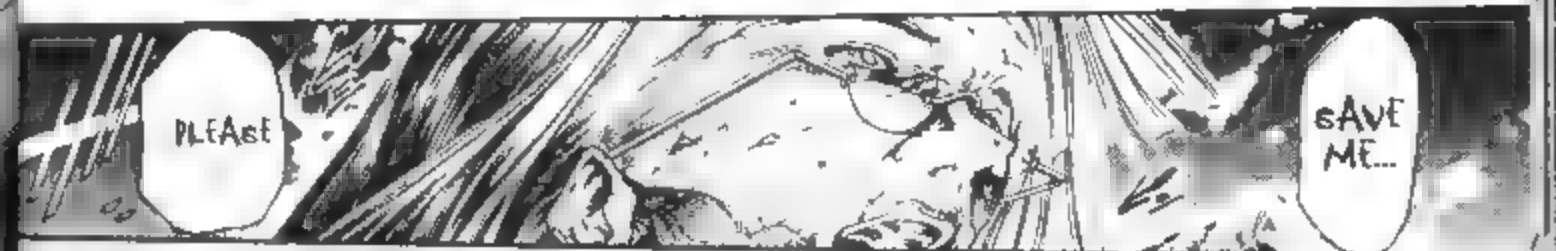
SEE? IT
WAS JUST
A TRICK,
NEITHER
MAGIC NOR
A CURSE.

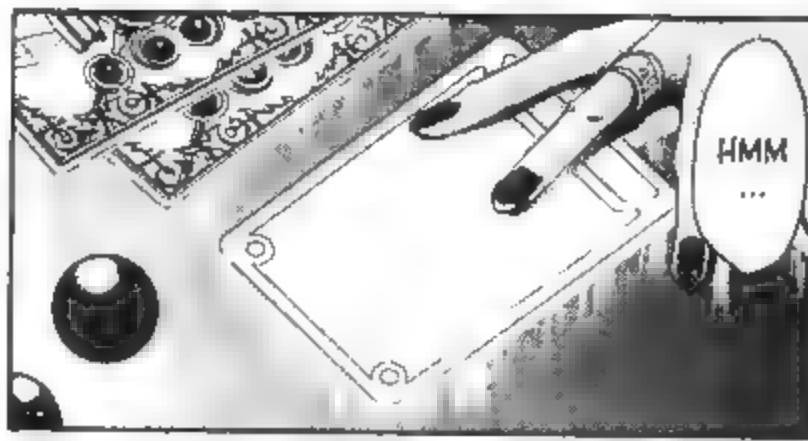
AND WE
COULDN'T SEE
A PROJECTOR
BECAUSE THE
WHITE WALLS
THEMSELVES ARE
A TRANSLUCENT
SCREEN AND THE
EQUIPMENT IS
ON THE OTHER
SIDE.

THE FLAMES
WERE JUST A
THREE-DI-
MENSIONAL
IMAGE--NOT
AS IMPRES-
SIVE AS WHAT
WE'VE SEEN
AT INFINITY
FORTRESS,
THOUGH.

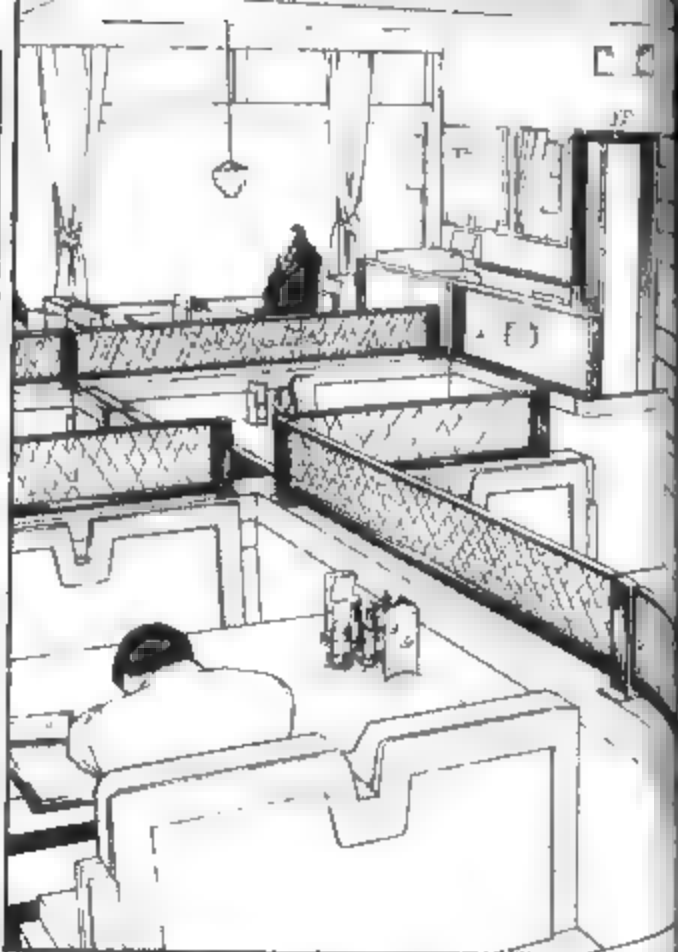
IF YOU DON'T
WANT AN
ASS-WHUP-
PING, THEN
TAKE US TO
THE KIDS...

HEY,
DUMB-
FUCK!





HMM
...

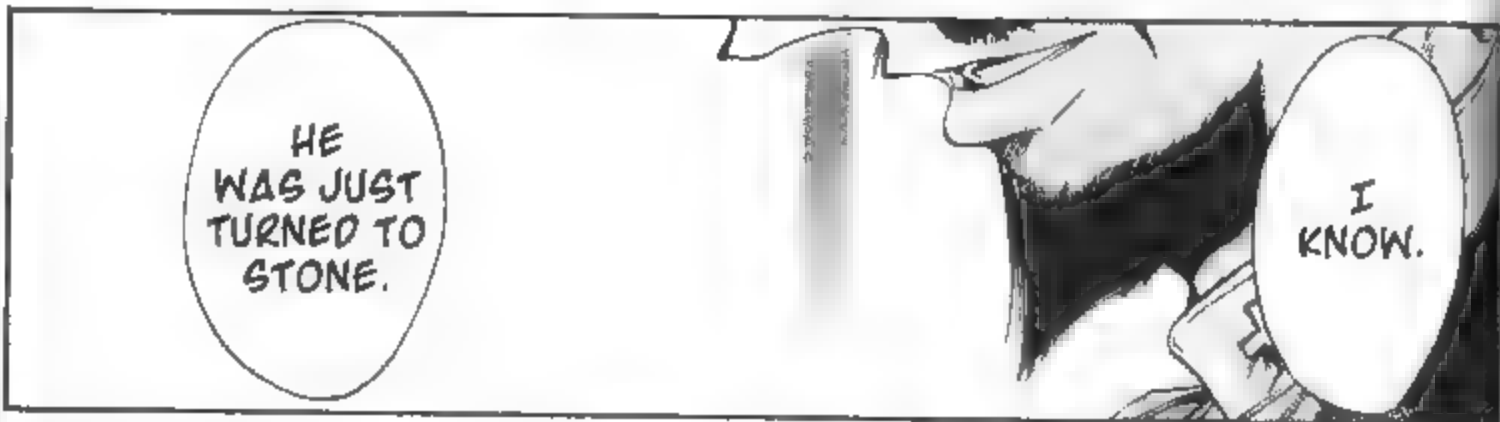


...CHIEF
KYOGOKU-
MARU AT
THE MAIN
OFFICE
IS--

BEG
PARDON.
I'VE JUST
BEEN IN-
FORMED

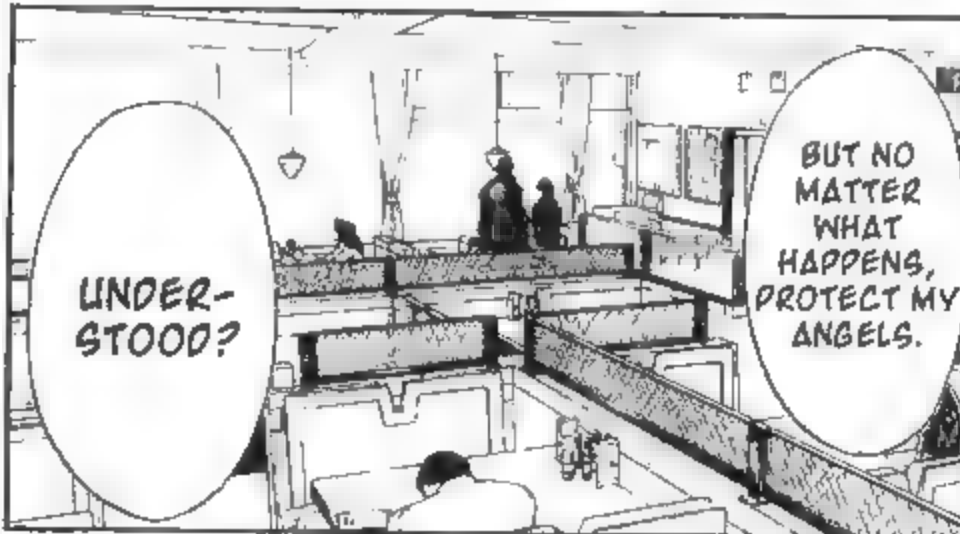


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HE
WAS JUST
TURNED TO
STONE.

I
KNOW.



UNDER-
STOOD?

BUT NO
MATTER
WHAT
HAPPENS,
PROTECT MY
ANGELS.



HAH...

THESE
RETRIEVERS
ARE PROVING
TO BE A
GREAT DEAL
OF FUN.



...I
SHALL
GIVE
YOU THIS
CARD.

BUT
JUST IN
CASE...



YES,
SIR.



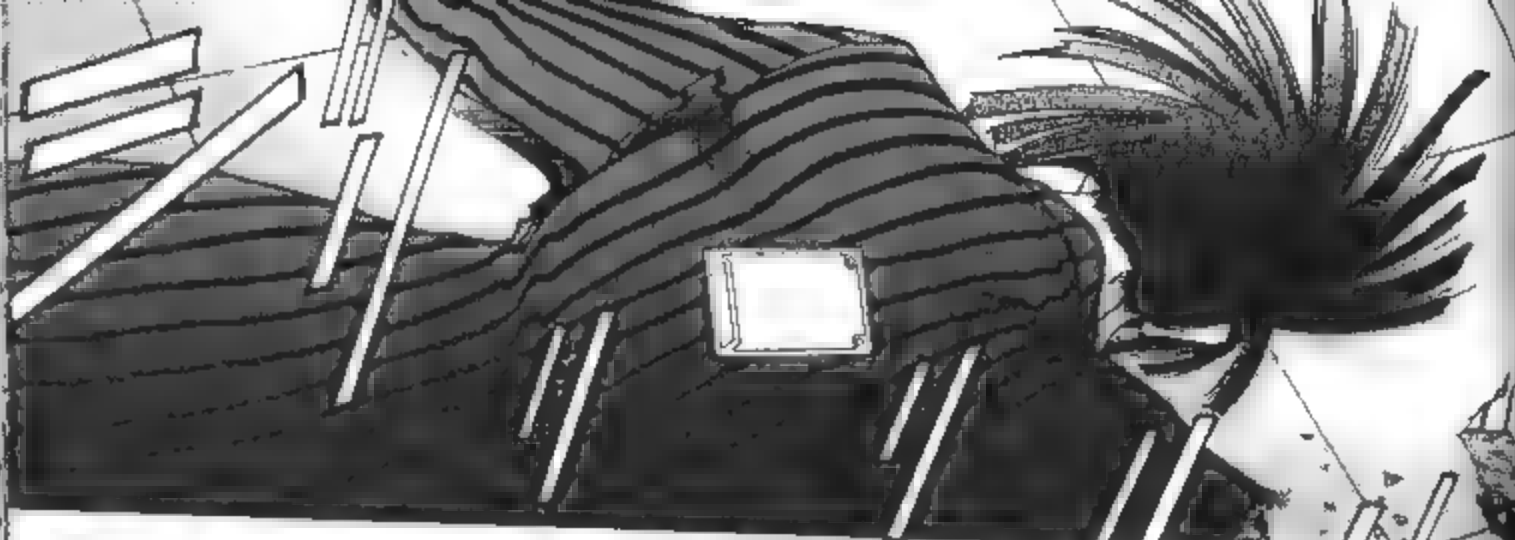
AS THE
GUARDIAN
OF THE
GATES OF
HELL

USE
CERBERUS
WISELY.

Hound of Hades

WITH
PLEASURE...

...LORD
LUCIFER.



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

HE
TURNED
TO
STONE



IS IT
REALLY...

...THE
CURSE
OF THE
CARDS
?!

GET BACKERS



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But as they escape the enemy's trap, they are confronted with another nightmare brought on by Divine Design.

HARD
AS A
ROCK...

HE'S
DEAD
?!

WELL,
THERE'S
STUFF I
WANTED
TO LOOK
INTO, BUT
WE GOT NO
CHOICE..

THE
THREE
GOR-
GON
SIS-
TERS

THOSE
WHO
LOOK
INTO
THEIR
EVIL
EYES
TURN TO
STONE

...
HMM?

ALL
RIGHT,
LET'S
GO!

LET'S
SPLIT UP
INTO TWO
GROUPS
AND MAKE
A RUN
FOR IT.

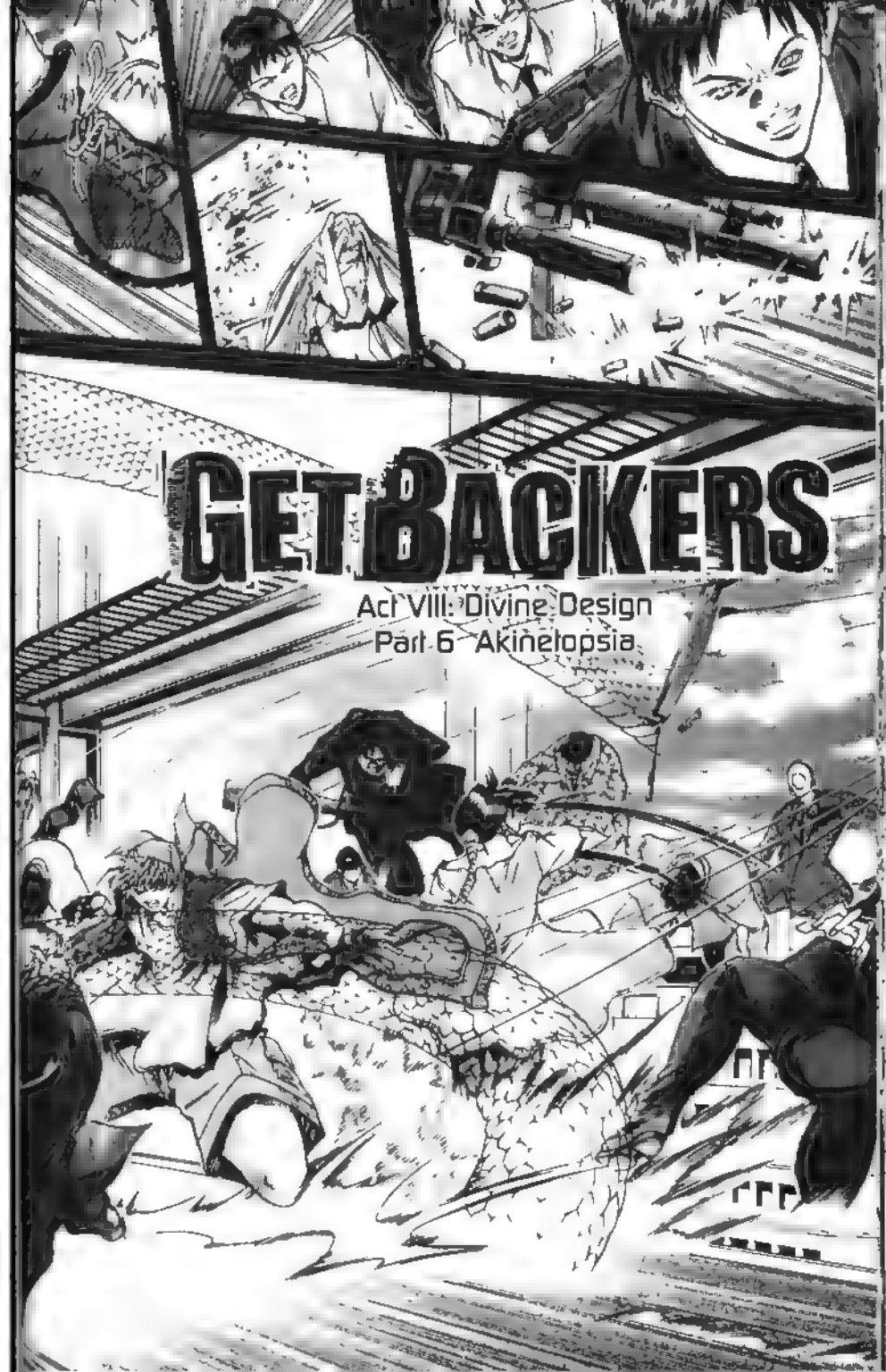
YEAH
!

DAMN

LOOKS
LIKE WE
SHOULD
GET OUT
OF HERE.

WHY
ARE
THEY
?!

KEEP
SEARCH-
ING!



ARE
YOU
OKAY,
HEVN-
SAN?

THANKS,
GIN-
CHAN!

Though you
zapped me
a bit

...LET
GOOO!!

WUWUWU!!

HEVN-
SAN!

YOU
...

OVER
HERE,
GINJI-
SAN!

YOU
WON'T
ESCAPE
!

GLACK



FUUCHOUIN
STYLE
FUNDA-
MENTAL--
STRING
CURSE!

WHA--
?

I RECOM-
MEND YOU
HOLD VERY
STILL.

IF YOU
STRUGGLE
TOO MUCH,
YOUR BODIES
WILL BE
RIPPED
APART.

WHAT
IS
THIS
?!!

MY
BODY

WON'T
MOVE

HEY,
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?
GO
AFTER
THEM!!

!!



PLUS WE NEED MORE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PLAN OUR NEXT MOVE

WE CAN'T JUST RUN AWAY WITH OUR TAILS BETWEEN OUR LEGS, NOW CAN WE?



!

COME ON, LET'S GO!

KAZUKI-KUN, THAT LEADS UPWARD!



AND THIS BUILDING SEEMS TO HAVE MANY SECRETS

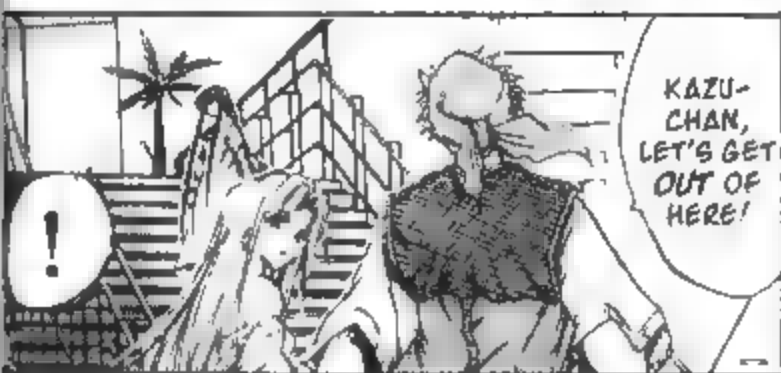
OH, I'M QUITE CURIOUS BY NATURE

KAZUKI, SHOWING THIS MUCH BRAVADO?



...THIS CURIOSITY IS WHAT'S GOING TO GET ME KILLED ONE OF THESE DAYS...

THOUGH ACCORDING TO MIDO-KUN...



!

KAZU-CHAN, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



イン...

ba-thump



OH NOTHING

I JUST GET THE FEELING THAT YOU SHOULDN'T GO UP THERE HOW ABOUT I GO INSTEAD?

WHAT'S WRONG?



YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW,
HEVN-
SAN?

ALL I EVER
HEARD WAS
THAT HE
USED TO BE
ONE OF THE
VOLTS' FOUR
EMPERORS



THAT'S
TRUE
EVEN
BEFORE
THE VOLTS
WERE
FORMED,
KAZUKI
OF THE
STRINGS

WAS THE
LEADER OF
FUGA, THE
MOST POWER-
FUL GANG IN
INFINITY
FORTRESS' LOWER
TOWN

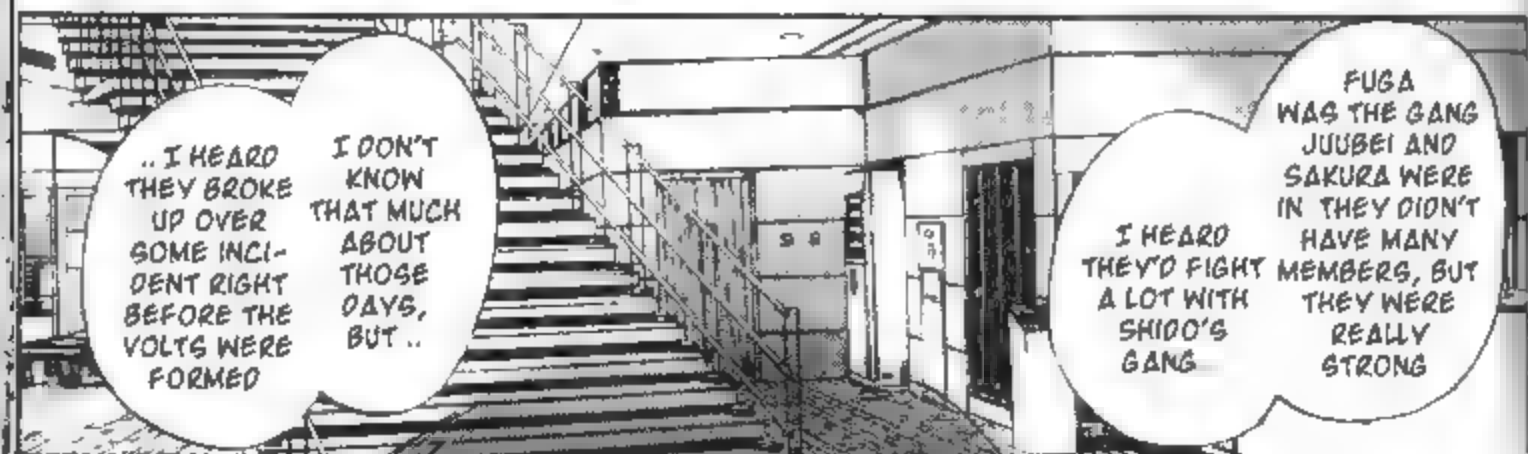
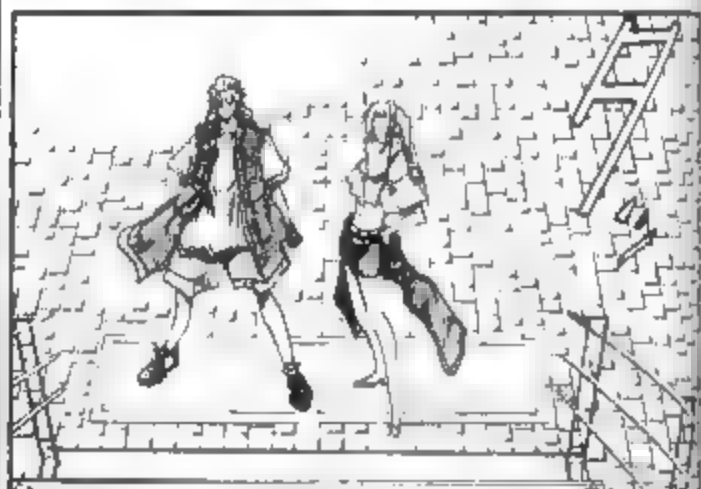
HUH?
REAL-
LY?



DON'T
WORRY I'M
SOMEONE
WHO WAS ABLE
TO SURVIVE
IN INFINITY
FORTRESS,
REMEMBER?



I CAN
HANDLE
IT.



.. I HEARD
THEY BROKE
UP OVER
SOME INCI-
DENT RIGHT
BEFORE THE
VOLTS WERE
FORMED

I DON'T
KNOW
THAT MUCH
ABOUT
THOSE
DAYS,
BUT ..

I HEARD
THEY'D FIGHT
A LOT WITH
SHIDO'S
GANG

FUGA
WAS THE GANG
JUUBEI AND
SAKURA WERE
IN THEY DIDN'T
HAVE MANY
MEMBERS, BUT
THEY WERE
REALLY
STRONG



AND THERE
WAS ALWAYS
A SHADOW OF
LONELINESS
IN HIS EYES .

WHEN HE
WAS IN FUGA,
HE SEEMED
MUCH MORE
DANGEROUS.

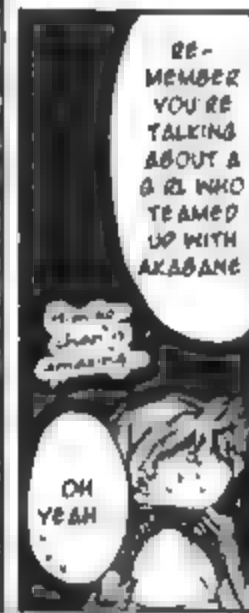
BUT
KAZU-
CHAN WAS
REALLY
DIFFERENT
BACK
THEN.



SO
ANYWAY,
THERE ISN'T
ANYTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT WITH
KAZU-CHAN!

AMAZING!
That you
were still his
best friend
then!

AHH



RE-
MEMBER
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT A
GIRL WHO
TEAMED
UP WITH
AKABANE

AKABANE
JAN IS
AMAZING!

OH
YEAH



I HOPE
HIMIKO-
CHAN IS
OKAY,
THOUGH

OH, NO
WORRIES
THERE



...I PULLED
A CARD
OUT OF MY
POCKET.

AT THAT
MOMENT,
FOR SOME
REASON...



HOUND
OF
HADES
...?





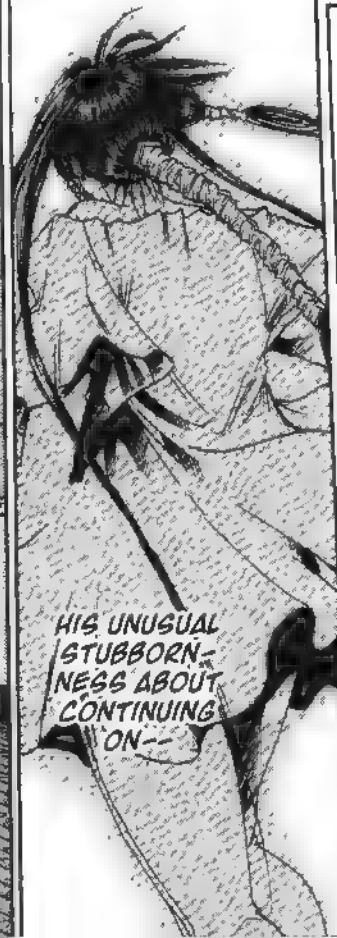
...THAT
WE WERE
ALREADY
UNDER THE
CONTROL
OF THE
MYSTERIOUS
MAGIC OF
THE DIVINE
DESIGN...

I
SHOULD
HAVE
REALIZED
...

AND HIM
TOO--

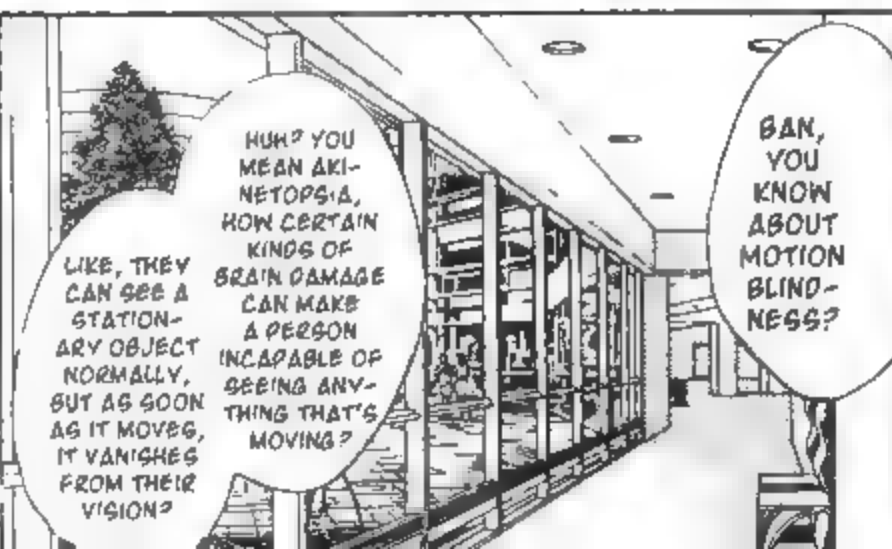
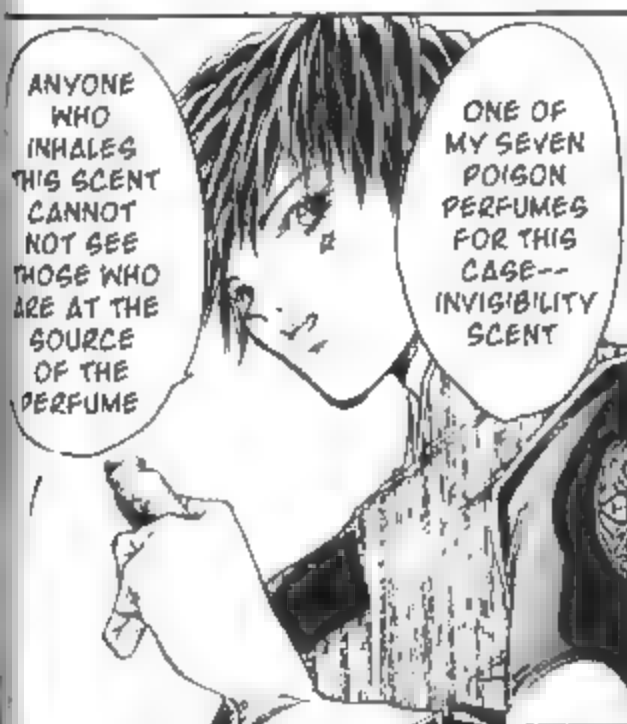


THAT
SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
A MAJOR
CLUE...



HIS UNUSUAL
STUBBORN-
NESS ABOUT
CONTINUING
ON--

MY UNUSUAL
WORRYING OVER
KAZU-CHAN'S
FUTURE--



WHAT
IF THAT'S
REALLY...

WHAT'S
BEHIND
THINGS LIKE
GHOSTS AND
MAGIC AND
CURSES?

I WAS
THINKING
AND THE
OPPOSITE
AS WELL--
THAT IF YOU
GAINED A
NEW SENSE,
YOU MIGHT
SEE THINGS
YOU NEVER
COULD
BEFORE

THAT IF JUST
ONE OF YOUR
SENSES
WERE TO
BREAK, THE
WORLD MIGHT
LOOK LIKE
A TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
PLACE

NO
PEOPLE,
NO
CARS...

HEY,
HIMIKO...

WHAT KIND OF
WORLD DO YOU
THINK THOSE
WITH MOTION
BLINDNESS SEE?

WOULD
YOU
JUST
SEE AN
EMPTY
CITY?

IF YOU
COULDN'T
SEE
ANYTHING
THAT'S
MOVING...
THEN
WHAT
WOULD
THIS CITY
LOOK
LIKE?

BAN...

AND
THAT'S
THE POWER
OF THESE
CARDS?
BAH!
GIMME A
BREAK!

THEN
MAYBE THE
CARD HAD
SOME KIND
OF POISON
ON IT.

WELL,
THAT'S
TRUE,
BUT

I BET YOU
KNOW OF A
POISON OR
TWO THAT
CAN MAKE THE
HUMAN BODY
LOOK LIKE IT
TURNED TO
STONE

LOOK,
THERE'S
GOTTA BE
A LOGICAL
EXPLANATION
FOR WHY THAT
KYOGOKUMARU
GUY TURNED
TO STONE

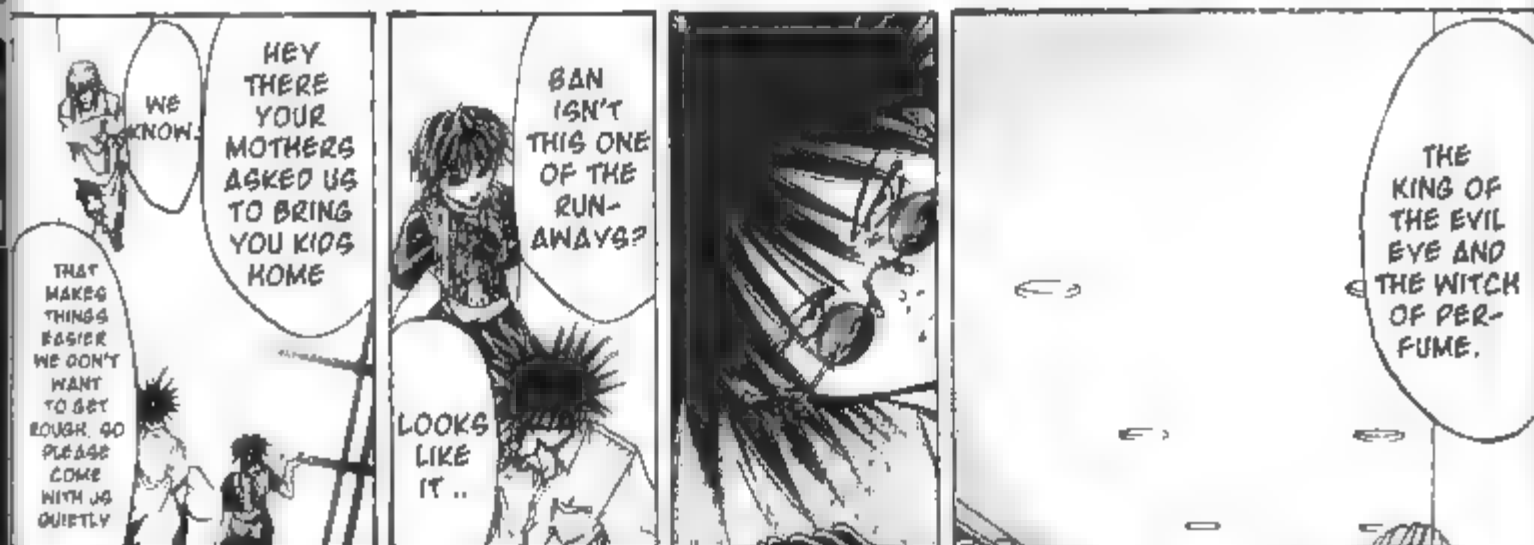
ANYWAY,
I AIN'T--



HEH



LOOKS
LIKE HE
CAN SEE
US...



WE
KNOW.

HEY
THERE
YOUR
MOTHERS
ASKED US
TO BRING
YOU KIDS
HOME

BAN
ISN'T
THIS ONE
OF THE
RUN-
AWAYS?

LOOKS
LIKE
IT ..

THAT
MAKES
THINGS
EASIER
WE DON'T
WANT
TO GET
ROUGH, SO
PLEASE
COME
WITH US
QUIETLY

THE
KING OF
THE EVIL
EYE AND
THE WITCH
OF PER-
FUME.



HUH?

I DON'T
THINK
THAT'S
GOING TO
WORK. TAKE
A LOOK AT
HIS FEET.



...RIGHT
?





THOUGH
I'D HOPED
TO GET
MORE OF A
REACTION
FROM YOU.

IMPRES-
SIVE,
BAN
MIDO.

HOW
?!

HE
HAS NO
SHADOW
?!

THE
EVIL EYE
DOESN'T
WORK ON
ME.

OH,
DON'T
BOTHER.

BECAUSE
I AM ONE OF
THE CHOSEN
CHILDREN OF
GOD



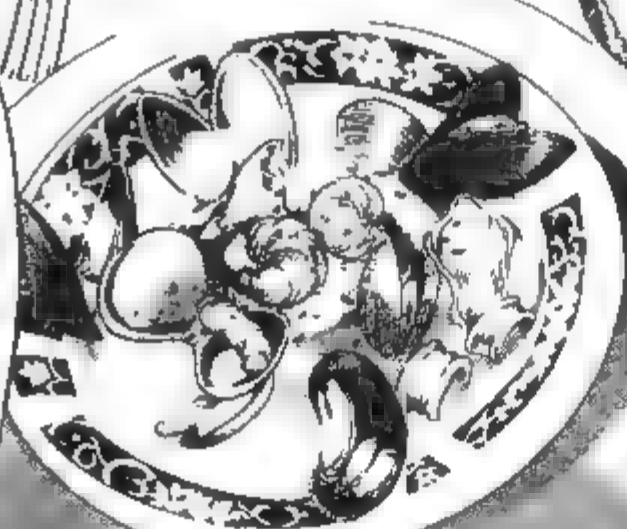


NOW,
FOLLOW
ME, IF
YOU
WOULD.

I
AM THE
ARCH-
ANGEL
SARIEL.

OUR
LEADER,
LORD LUCIFER,
IS AWAITING
YOU.


ONE OF
THE FIVE
ARCHANGELS
CHOSEN BY
DIVINE
DESIGN.



THANK
YOU.




PLEASE
FORGIVE THE
DELAY. HERE'S
YOUR LUNCH
SPECIAL.




...AS I SIT
HERE WITH
YOU, I
DON'T GET
THAT IM-
PRESSION
AT ALL.

YOU
HAVE THE
POWER TO
DESTROY
EVERY-
ONE HERE
INSTANTLY,
YET..




YOU
ARE
VERY MYSTE-
RIOUS,
LORD LUCI-
FER.




OH
NOH-
ING



WHAT'S
WRONG
CHIEF
URV?



THE
SPECIAL
HERE IS
PRETTY
GOOD




WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO JOIN
ME?




...YET
YOU USE
THIS KIND
OF PLACE
AS YOUR
CANVAS...


AND YOU
HAVE A PLAN
TO REDRAW
THE ENTIRE
WORLD...



SO...
THEY'VE
ARRIVED.



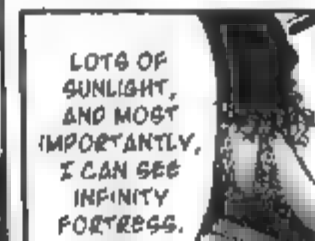
LORD
LUCIFER
...?




OR
RATHER,
I SIMPLY



YOU
EXAG-
GERATE!



LOTS OF
SUNLIGHT,
AND MOST
IMPORTANTLY,
I CAN SEE
INFINITY
FORTRESS.



WELL
THIS IS
AN IDEAL
LOCATION



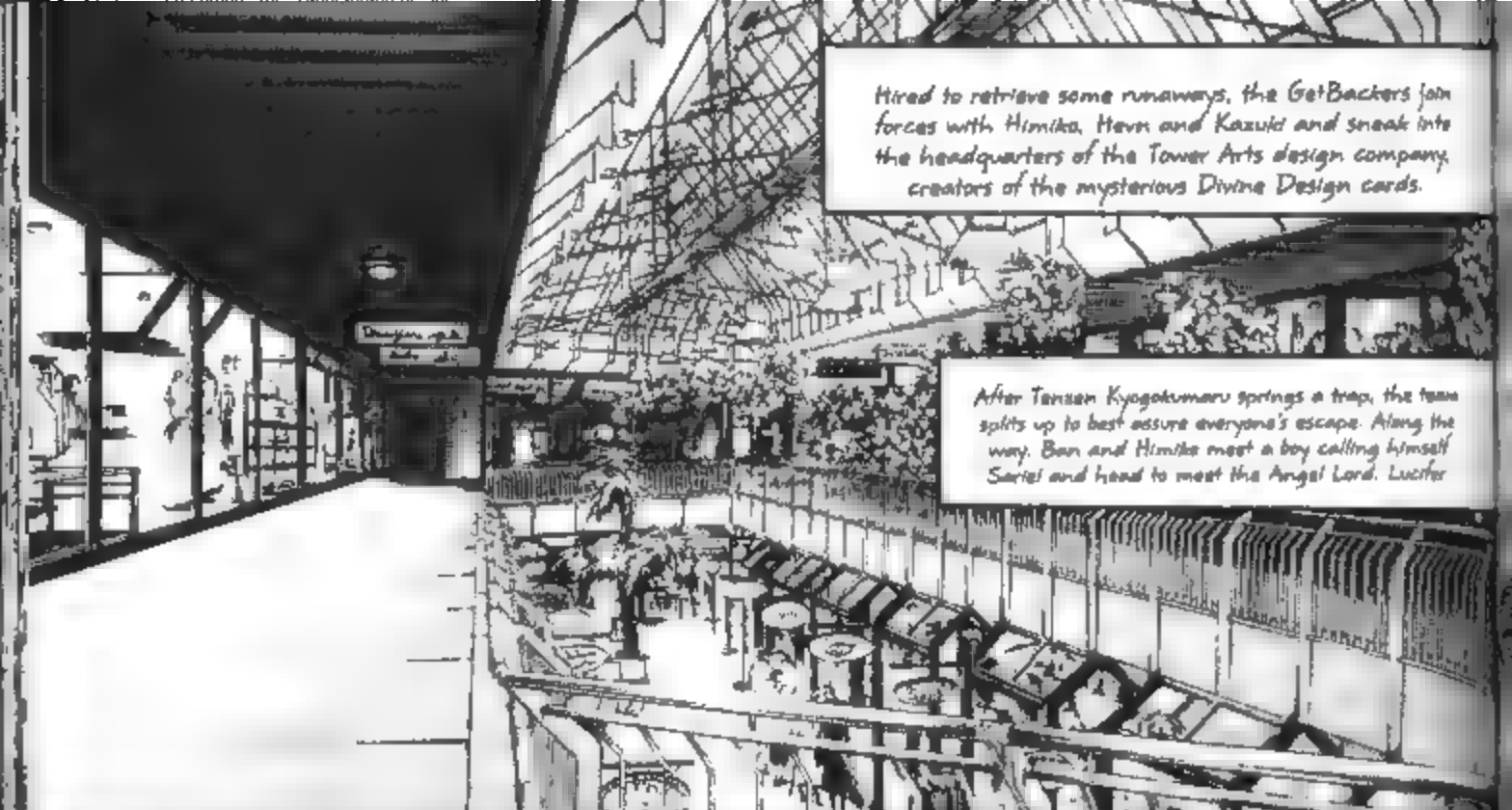
I
YEARN
TO SHOW
THEM MY
STRENGTH
...

A
DOMINATING
POWER THE
LIKES OF WHICH
THEY HAVE
NEVER BEFORE
EXPERIENCED
...



GET BACKERS






Hired to retrieve some runaways, the GetBackers join forces with Himika, Hevn and Kazuki and sneak into the headquarters of the Tower Arts design company, creators of the mysterious Divine Design cards.

After Tensen Kyogokumaru springs a trap, the team splits up to best assure everyone's escape. Along the way, Ban and Himika meet a boy calling himself Serial and head to meet the Angel Lord, Lucifer



What is the secret behind Divine Design?

And what is this dominating power of the man who calls himself Lucifer?



AND GOD CALLED THE FIRMAMENT HEAVEN. AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE SECOND DAY

AND GOD SAID, LET THERE BE A FIRMAMENT IN THE MIDST OF THE WATERS AND LET IT DIVIDE THE WATERS FROM THE WATERS


AND GOD MADE THE FIRMAMENT, AND DIVIDED THE WATERS WHICH WERE UNDER THE FIRMAMENT FROM THE WATERS WHICH WERE ABOVE THE FIRMAMENT AND IT WAS SO.

IN FACT, WE SHOULD BRING THOSE WITH TALENT INTO THE FOLD

BUT JUST PLAYING WITH THEM FOR AMUSEMENT WILL NOT ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS

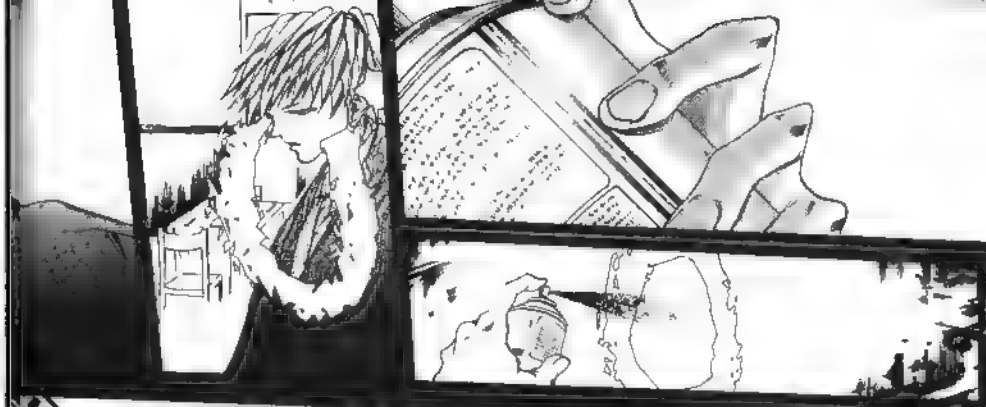
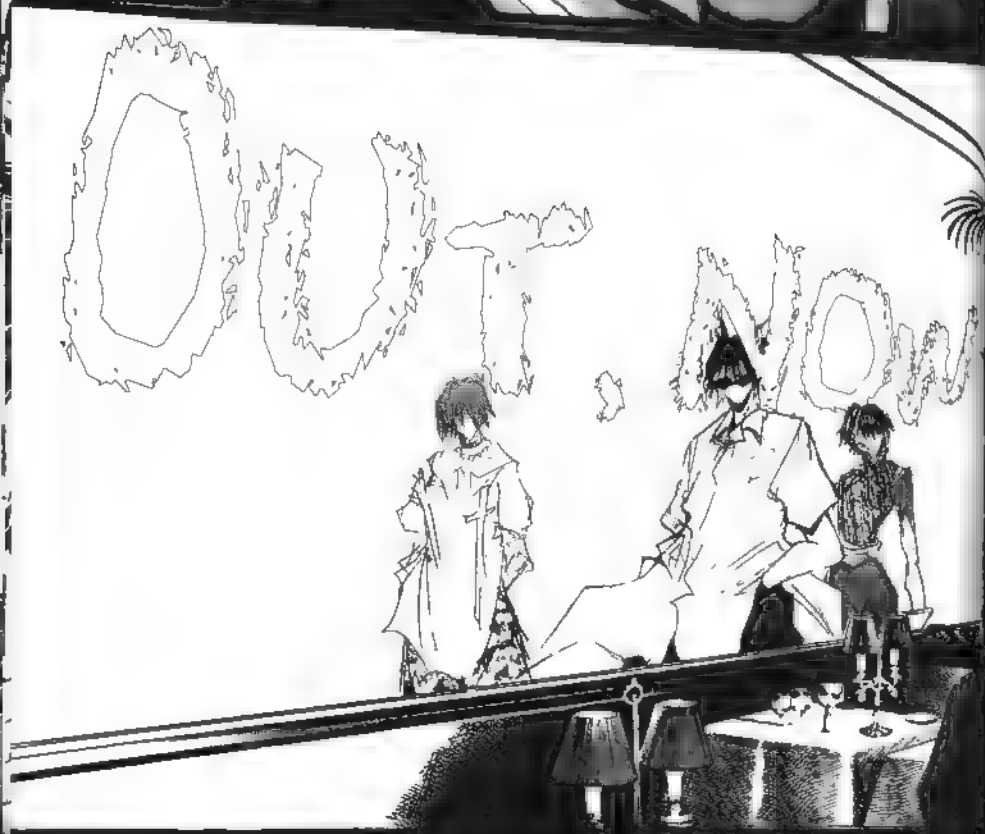
IT MEANS THAT DIVIDING OUT THOSE WITH TALENT IS THE WILL OF GOD

THUS SAITH THE BEGINNING OF GENESIS.



...A DOMINATING POWER THE LIKES OF WHICH THEY HAVE NEVER BEFORE EXPERIENCED

I YEARN TO SHOW THEM.





CHIEF
URYU.



!



RETURN
TO THE
OFFICE.

TAKE
CERBERUS
WITH
YOU AND
APPRE-
HEND THE
STRING
MASTER.



KIDS
THESE
DAYS
SUCH
MANNERS

NO
NEED TO
DIRTY YOUR
HANDS, LORD
LUCIFER.
I SHALL
HANDLE
THEM



WORRY
NOT. EVERY-
THING MOVES
ACCORDING
TO THE
GUIDANCE
OF DIVINE
DESIGN.

BUT,
LORD
LUCIFER,
THEY'RE--



I WILL
FACE
THEM.



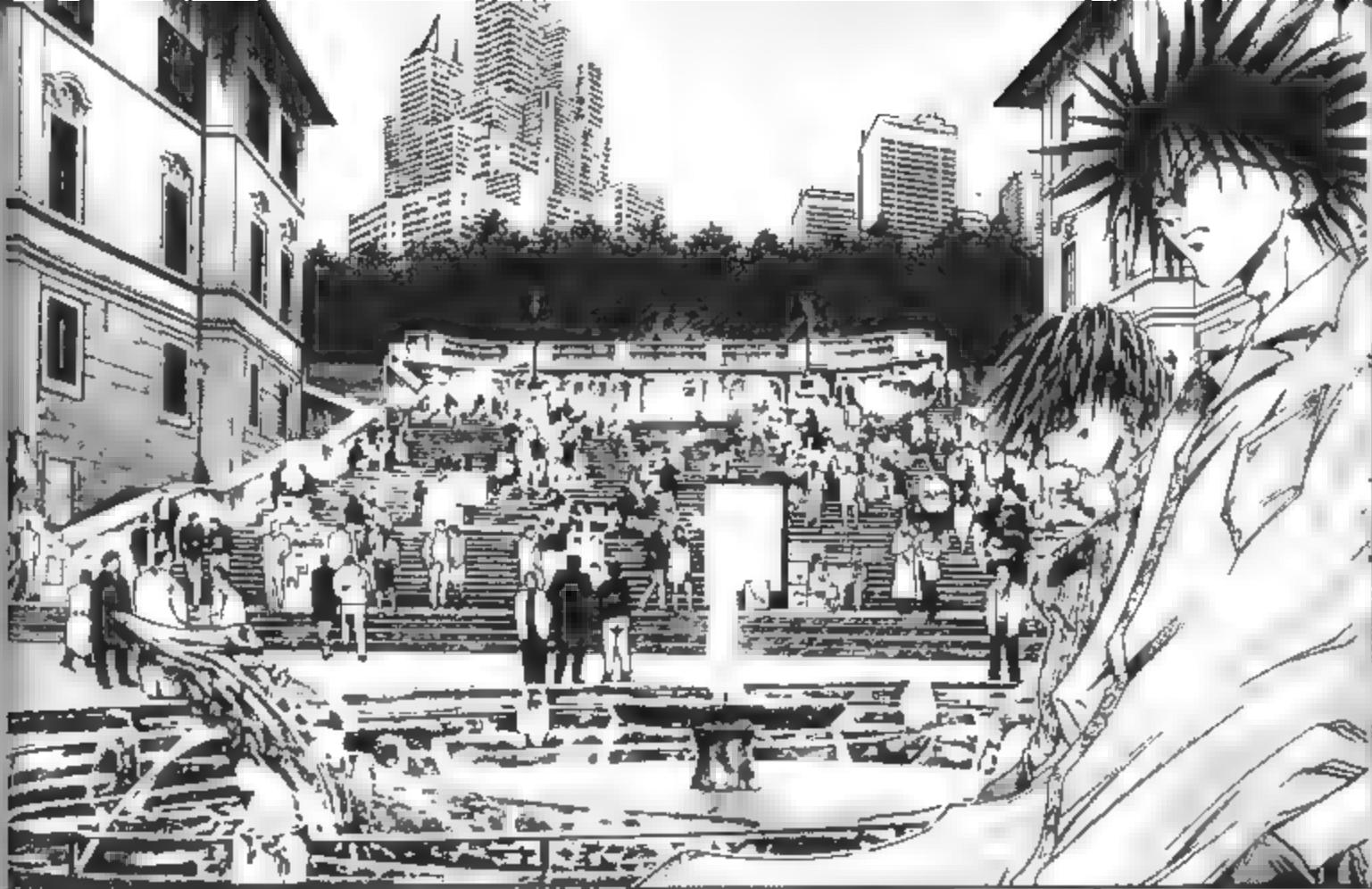
NOW,
SHALL WE
BEGIN?

I'LL SHOW
YOU THE TRUE
POWER OF THE
CARDS!



THEY'RE
LUCKY
THAT THEY
GET TO
RECEIVE
INSTRUC-
TION
DIRECTLY
FROM
YOU.





FAKERS?



SO YOU'RE THE LEADER OF THESE FAKERS.



GO HOME TO YOUR MOMMY, LI'L BRAT!



STAND DOWN, SARIEL.



YES, SIR.



PERHAPS I SHOULD KILL THEM RIGHT NOW.

SHALL WE ALLOW THEM TO GET AWAY WITH THAT, LORD LUCIFER?



YOU'RE SAYING SPIKE-HEAD IS THAT POWERFUL?



NO... YOU ARE SO POWERFUL THAT YOU'VE ONLY EXPERIENCED EFFORTLESS VICTORY.

IF THAT IS THE EXTENT OF YOUR EXPERIENCE, YOU WILL BE UNPREPARED TO RELEASE YOUR POWER WHEN FACING A FORMIDABLE ENEMY



YOU POSSESS AMAZING TALENTS. BUT YOU MUST YET OUTGROW YOUR CHILDISHNESS.

I HAD YOU ACCOMPANY ME THIS DAY SO THAT YOU MIGHT OBSERVE A TRUE FIGHT.



I ALREADY KNOW HOW TO FIGHT.



You saying I'm weaker than Himiko?!



IN MY VIEW, THE GIRL SEEMS TO BE OF MUCH MORE USE TO US



It sure is easy to get your dander up

What? It's the truth. I'll send you crawling home in tears, brat!

SPIKE-HEAD?!



RIGHT NOW, HE'S PROBABLY NOT IN YOUR CLASS.

BUT EVENTUALLY...



YEAH,
RIGHT...

IT'S
TRUE,
BAN.



HUH
?

HE
HASN'T
MOVED
A STEP



IF IT
LOOKED
TO YOU
LIKE I
VAN-
ISHED--
THAT WAS
AN ILLU-
SION

I'VE
BEEN
STANDING
HERE THE
WHOLE
TIME.



I'M
RIGHT
HERE.

HE
VAN-
ISHED
?!



YOU
...

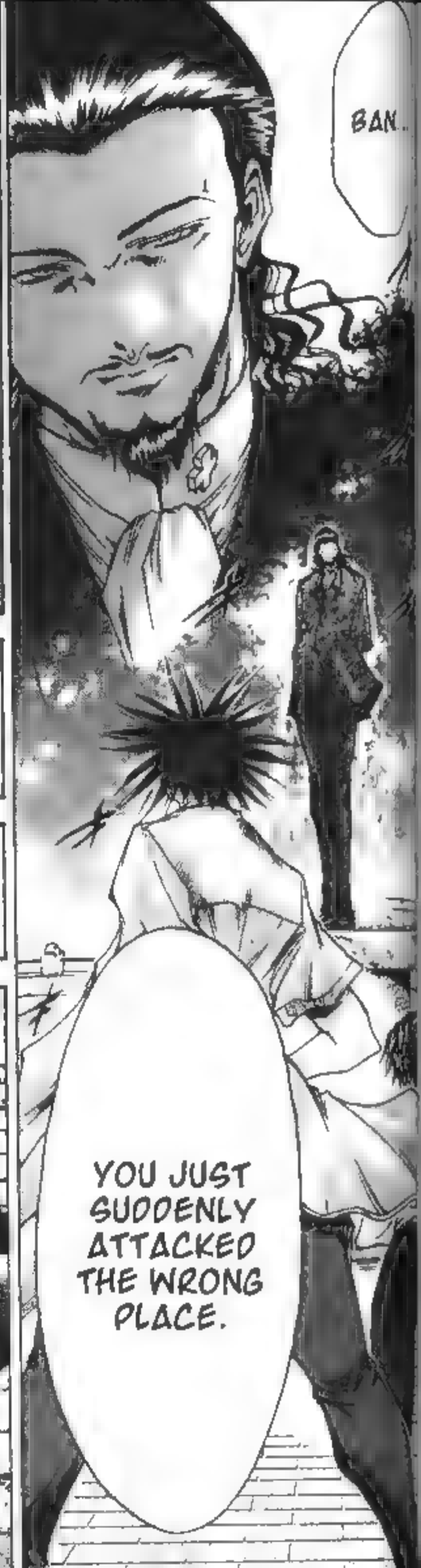
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WHAT
...?



W--



BAN...

YOU JUST
SUDDENLY
ATTACKED
THE WRONG
PLACE.

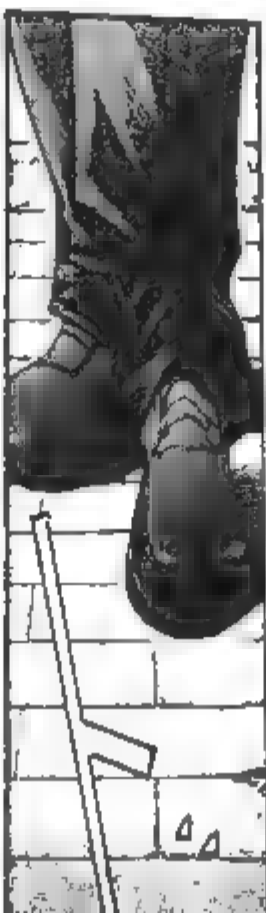


SHUT UP,
PUNK!

SEE? I
TOLD
YOU THE
GIRL WAS
BETTER.



HEH



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YOU MAY
CALL IT
A FRAUD,
BUT I
KNOW YOU
BELIEVE
IN IT

A CARD
FOR SOME
BULLSHIT
FORTUNE-
TELLING
SO?

DO
YOU
KNOW

SOME-
WHERE
IN YOUR
MIND

...WHAT
THIS IS?

I SEE
RIGHT
THROUGH
ALL YOUR
STUPID
TRICKS.

YEAH,
RIGHT

Fal... Lord

YEAH?


THEY
MADE ME
DO THAT,
TOO I WAS
ABLE TO
AWAKEN,
AND THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE
TODAY.

THE
WHITE
ROOM,
RIGHT?

IN ORDER
TO TURN
THE KEY
OF THE
MIND.


SOMETIMES
TRICKS ARE
NEEDED TO
IDENTIFY
THOSE WHO
HAVE THE
TALENT.

KEY
OF THE
MIND...?



TO
BECOME A
DOMINATOR,
YOU MUST BE-
LIEVE. BELIEVE
COMPLETELY.

THAT'S
RIGHT. IF
THERE IS
EVEN ONE
PERCENTAGE
POINT OF
DOUBT, THE
KEY WILL
NOT TURN.



I
CAN'T
REALLY DE-
SCRIBE
IT, BUT

THERE'S
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
THEM...

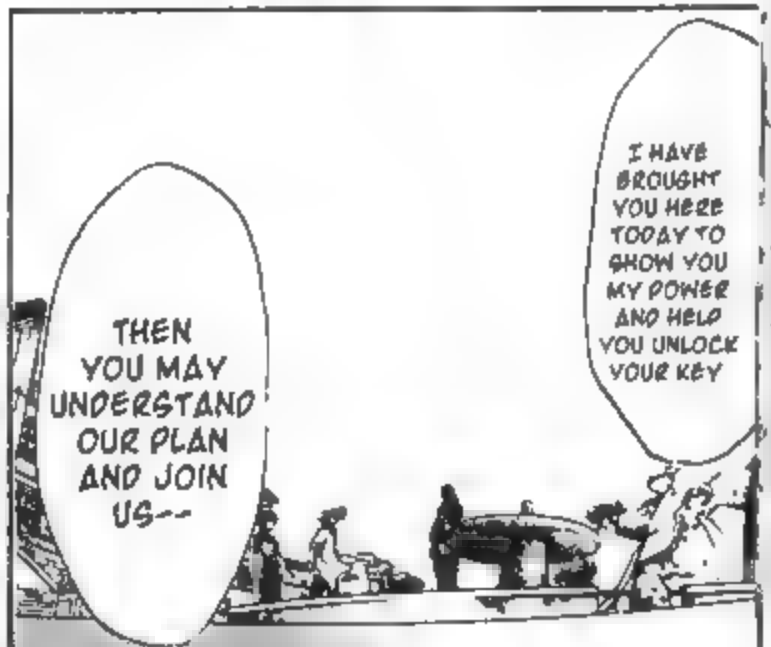
BAN!

WHAT
THE
HELL
YOU
BLABBER
ABOUT?

GAH
?!

THESE
GUYS ARE
DANGER-
OUS

LET'S
GET
OUT
OF
HERE!



HEH.

BAN...?

DETER-
MINE WITH
YOUR OWN
EYES
WHETHER
IT'S FAN-
TASY OR
NOT.

BRING
IT! I'M
GONNA
RIP YOU
TO--

FOOL.

WE
DON'T
HAVE
TIME
FOR
YOUR
STUPID
FANTA-
SIES!

WE'RE
RETRIB-
VERS!

OUR
JOB'S TO
GET BACK
THAT KID
AND THE
OTHERS!



IF
THERE'S
EVEN ONE
PERCENTAGE
POINT OF
DOUBT...


BAN,
LET'S
GET
OUT OF
HERE!!

WHAT
THE--?!
IT SUD-
DENLY
GOT
DARK!

...YOU
CANNOT
BECOME A
DOMINATOR.

AND ON THE
OTHER HAND,
IF YOU HAVE
EVEN ONE
PERCENTAGE
POINT OF
BELIEF...

THE
FOUN-
TAIN--
?!



**THERE'S
NOTHING
YOU CAN
DO...**

**...TO
ESCAPE
THE
CONTROL
OF DIVINE
DESIGN!**

IMPOSSIBLE...



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And when Ban faces the one calling himself the Angel Lord Lucifer, he experiences a terrifying power!

AND ON THE OTHER HAND IF YOU HAVE EVEN ONE PERCENTAGE POINT OF BELIEF, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO ESCAPE THE CONTROL OF DIVINE DESIGN!

IF THERE'S EVEN ONE PERCENTAGE POINT OF DOUBT, YOU CANNOT BECOME A DOMINATOR

THAT'S WHY I SAID WE SHOULD RUN AWAY!

WHAT IS THIS?!

THIS ANGEL WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, THE MOST REFINED

THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED TO STAND ALONGSIDE GOD AS HE SAT ON HIS THRONE

THERE WAS ONCE AN ANGEL BELOVED BY GOD MORE THAN ALL THE OTHERS

...THE POWER OF SATAN!

NOW EXPERIENCE...



Act-VIII: Divine Design
Part 8: Light-Bearer/Serpent-Bearer

GET BACKERS




SNAKE BITE!



...WE'RE
IN A
WORLD OF
MOTION
BLIND-
NESS!


IT'S
AS
IF...



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
CRAP YOU'RE
PULLING ..



DAMN



YOU
IDIOT,
IT'S OBVI-
OUSLY A
TRICK!

IS THIS
THE
POWER
OF THE
CARDS?



...BUT I'M
GOING TO
END IT
NOW!!





THAT
FELT LIKE
PUNCHING
A HUGE
BOULDER...

WHÁ--?
THAT
WAS...



BAN
!!



BEHOLD THE
PALANGUIN OF
SOLOMON;

THREESCORE
VALIANT MEN ARE ABOUT
IT, OF THE VALIANT
OF ISRAEL



THEY ALL HOLD SWORDS,
BEING EXPERT IN WAR EVERY
MAN HATH HIS SWORD UPON HIS
THIGH BECAUSE OF FEAR
IN THE NIGHT

KING SOLOMON MADE
HIMSELF A PALANGUIN OF
THE WOOD OF LEBANON

HE MADE THE PILLARS
THEREOF OF SILVER, THE BOTTOM
THEREOF OF GOLD, THE COVERING OF
IT OF PURPLE, THE MOST THEREOF
BEING PAVED WITH LOVE, BY THE
DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM





WHAT'S THIS ?!

WHA ?!



BAN --!

!!



AS LONG AS I HOLD THIS CARD, YOU CANNOT MOVE

I'M USING THE POWER OF THE CURSED SWAMP ON YOU.



YOU... BASTARD...

GLATIA

GLATIA



THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO AGAINST ME AS YOU ARE NOW.

DOESN'T THIS SUFFICE, MIDO-KUN? YOU'VE SEEN MY POWER.



IT MATTERS NOT HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE IN THE REAL WORLD--HERE, YOU ARE NOTHING.

THEREFORE, THE STRONGER CARD-USER WINS.

THIS IS A WORLD CONTROLLED BY THE CARDS. AND THUS ILLUSIONS BORN FROM THE CARDS CAN DAMAGE THE REAL BODY



YOU
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
CONTROL
IT.

OR WILL
YOU WIELD
YOUR
GUARDIAN
CARD
NOW?

BUT
I WILL
GRANT
YOU THE
POSITION
OF ARCH-
ANGEL.

IF YOU
SWEAR
LOYALTY
TO ME, I
WILL LET
YOU LIVE.
NOT ONLY
THAT...

THAT'S
ENOUGH
BRAVADO
FROM
YOU

SELL
YOUR
BULL-
SHIT TO
SOME-
ONE
ELSE!

SORRY,
BUT I'M
NOT INTO
THE OC-
CULT

SARIEL

NOT
THAT IT
MATTERS
EITHER
WAY

HA
HA HA
FUNNY
MAN

BUT
YOU BETTER
EXPECT ME TO
BETRAY YOU
IN A SECOND!
THAT'S WHAT'S
KEPT ME ALIVE
UP TO THIS
POINT

HEH! IS
THAT'S
ALL I
HAVE
TO DO
THEN
SURE, I
SWEAR
MY LOY-
ALTY

I'M
STARTING
TO GET
YOU
FIGURED
OUT.

HEH

ONCE
LORD
LUCIFER IS
THROUGH
WITH
YOU--

IF YOU WANT
TO SEE WHAT
I MEAN, THEN
GET ON YOUR
KNEES, PULL
OUT YOUR
GUARDIAN
CARD AND
SWEAR YOUR-
SELF TO LORD
LUCIFER

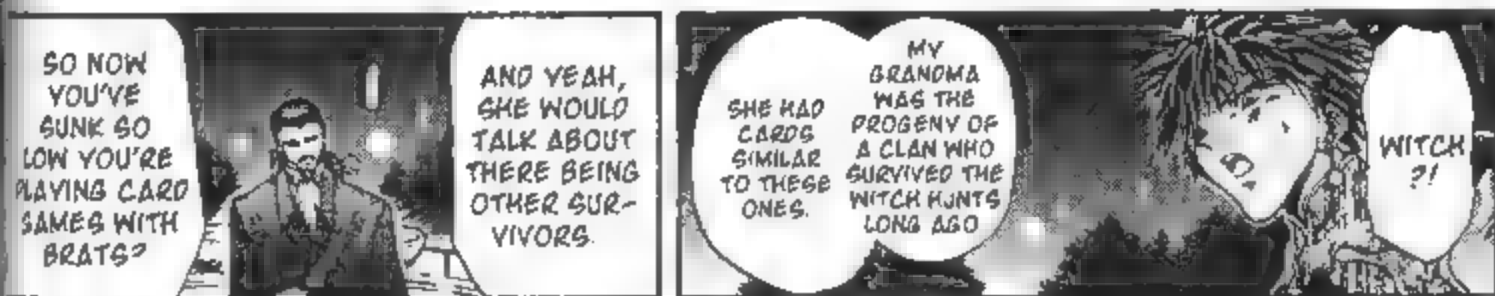
SWEAR-
ING YOUR
LOYALTY
IN A BATTLE
OF DIVINE
DESIGN
MEANS THAT
YOU SURREN-
DER A PIECE
OF YOUR
SOUL

DO YOU
EVEN
KNOW
THE
MEAN-
ING OF
"LOY-
ALTY"?



YOU'RE
THE
SAME
AS MY
GRAND-
MA,
AREN'T
YOU?

YOU'VE
GOT THE
BLOOD OF
A WITCH
FLOWING
IN YOUR
VEINS.



SO NOW
YOU'VE
GUNK SO
LOW YOU'RE
PLAYING CARD
GAMES WITH
BRATS?

AND YEAH,
SHE WOULD
TALK ABOUT
THERE BEING
OTHER SUR-
VIVORS.

SHE HAD
CARDS
SIMILAR
TO THESE
ONES.


MY
GRANDMA
WAS THE
PROGENY OF
A CLAN WHO
SURVIVED THE
WITCH HUNTS
LONG AGO

WITCH
?!



OBLIVIOUS
DEVIL ACTING
LIKE YOU'RE
ALL HIGH AND
MIGHTY!

ANGEL
LORD, MY
ASS! YOU
FUCKING
FALLEN
ANGEL!



LOOKS
LIKE I'LL HAVE
TO MAKE
YOUR SOUL
EXPERIENCE
DEATH BEFORE
YOU'LL BOW
DOWN TO ME.

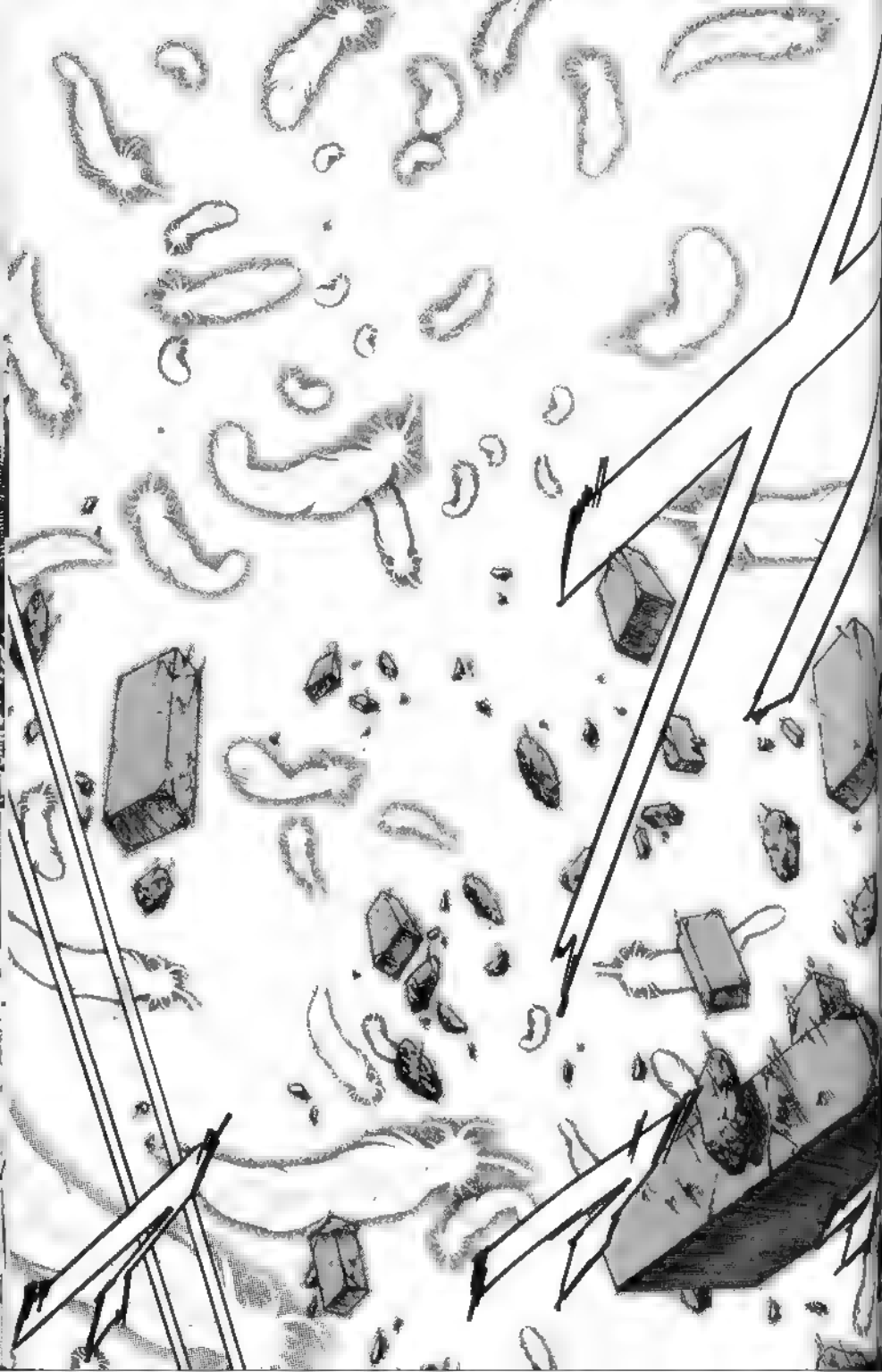


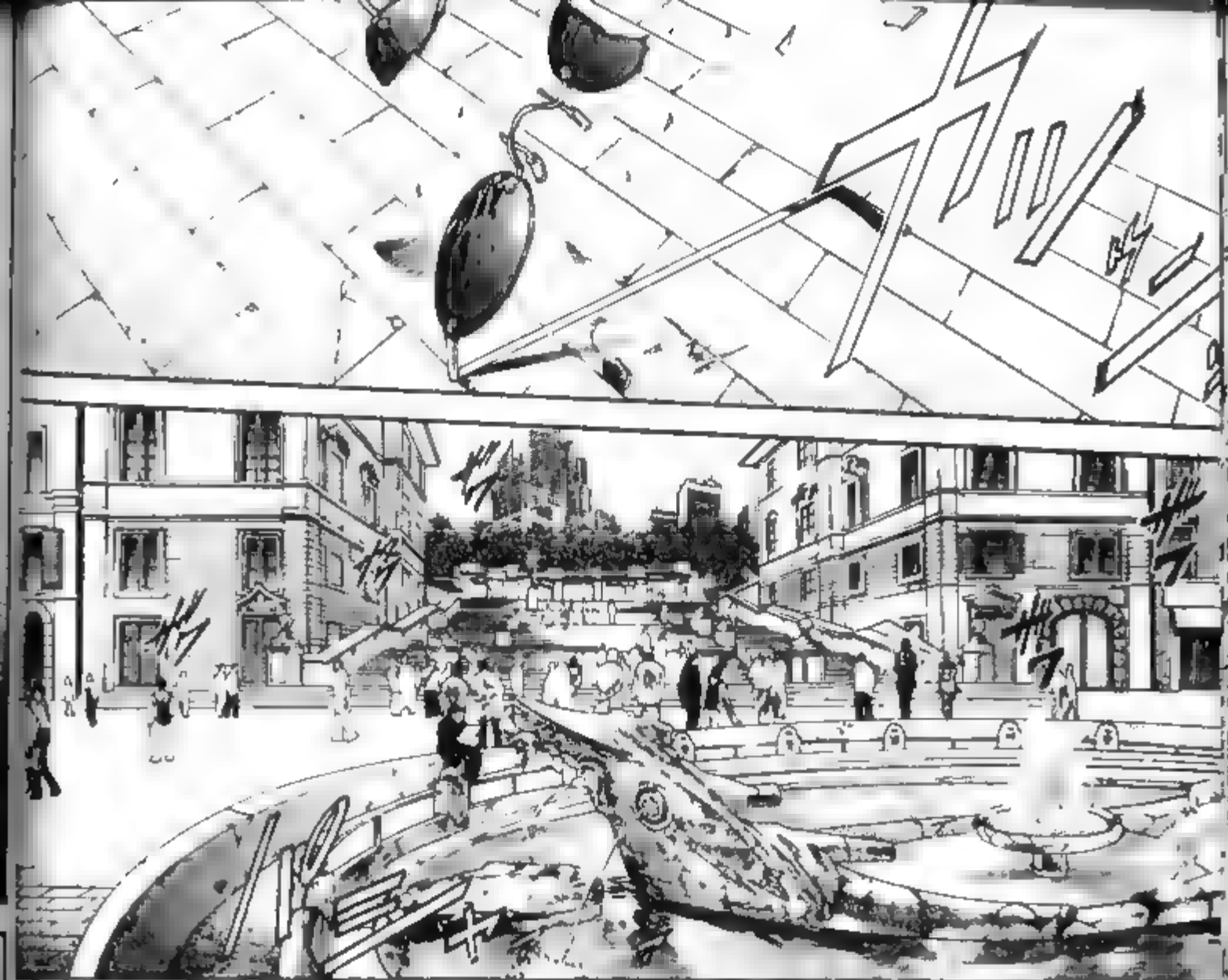
... I WISH
UPON
THEE ...

WITH
THIS
SWORD
OF
FLAMES
...

...AND
A PURE
REBIRTH.

...A
PEACEFUL
DEATH...





LORD
LUCIFER...
YOU...



AK HA
HA! OF
COURSE
YOU DID!

AS
IF AN
AMATEUR
LIKE HIM
COULD
USE THE
CARDS...



YOU
BLASTED HIS
BODY TO
OBLIVION?

HUH?
WHERE'S
BAN
MIDO?





WHA--
?!

AN
ILLU-
SION
OF

...ASCLEPIUS!

...AND DESTROY
THE CURSED
SWAMP CARD
THAT HELD HIMIKO
KUDO BOUND?!


WAS IT
ABLE TO
BLOCK
LORD
LUCIFER'S
ATTACK...



AN
INTER-
ESTING
MAN,
THIS BAN
MIDO...

HEH





TRULY
WORTHY
OF BEING
ACKNOWLED-
GED AS
THE GRAND-
SON...

...OF
THE LAST
WITCH OF
THE 20TH
CENTURY.

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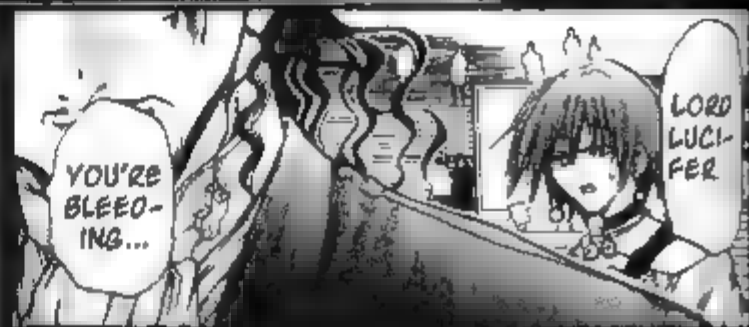
After being completely dominated by a man calling himself the Angel Lord Lucifer, what fate will befall Ban?!

GETBACKERS



I'M
LOOKING
FOR-
WARD

...TO
WHEN
WE
MEET
AGAIN...



YOU'RE
BLEED-
ING...

LORD
LUCI-
FER



HE'S
TRULY THE
GRANDSON
OF THE
WOMAN
KNOWN AS
THE LAST
WITCH OF
THE 20TH
CENTURY.

HEH..
AN
INTER-
ESTING
MAN,
THIS
BAN
MIDO...

EH?

BAN
MIDO
...

GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design
Part 9 Unhappy Reunion

IT'S THE
SOUTH END
OF THE
PARK.

WHERE
AM
I?

I QUICKLY
USED AC-
CELERATION
SCENT LEVEL
3 AND CAR-
RIED YOU
HERE

BAN!
YOU
AWAKE
?!

NOON



NO, BAN!
YOU'VE
GOT TO
STAY STILL
YOU'RE
BLEEDING
FROM ALL
OVER
YOUR
BODY

YOU
NEED
TO STAY
STILL,
OR

DAM-
MIT
THAT
MON-
STER

GOO-
DAMMIT!
I'M
GONNA
KICK
THAT
FUCKER'S
ASS

SHUT
UP
WHO
AGREES
FOR
YOUR
HELP?



AND WHAT WAS
THAT IMAGE
THAT PROTECT-
ED BAN RIGHT
AS HE LOST
CONSCIOUS-
NESS?

WHAT
DID THAT
MEAN?



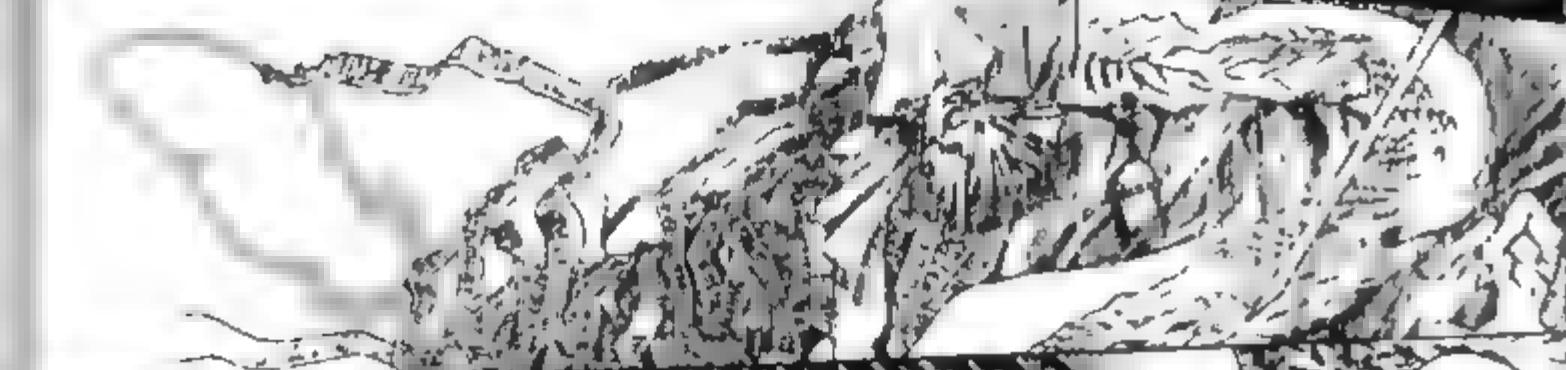
LOOKS LIKE
I'LL HAVE
TO MAKE
YOUR SOUL
EXPERIENCE
DEATH BE-
FORE YOU'LL
ROW DOWN
TO ME

TAKE A NAP
WITH MY
HYPNOSIS
SCENT...

SORRY,
BAN...BUT
I HAVE TO
DO THIS.

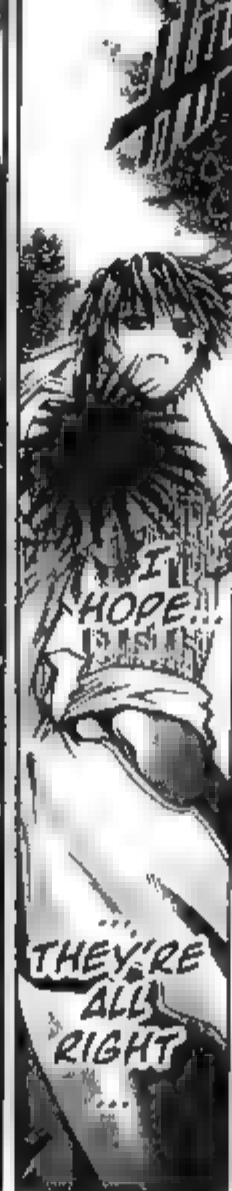
IF YOU
FIGHT AGAIN
LIKE THIS,
YOU'LL JUST
BE KILLED

THE
ENEMY
USES
SOME
MYSTE-
RIOUS
MAGIC



...THE
SERPENT-
BEARER,
ASCLE-
PIUS.

THAT
FORM
WAS
DEFI-
NITELY...



I HOPE...

THEY'RE ALL RIGHT...



...TO USE THE POWER OF THE CARDS?



COULD BAN HAVE BEEN ABLE...



WE'D BETTER REUNITE WITH THE OTHER THREE.

ANYWAY, LET'S RE-GROUP FOR NOW.



BACK WHEN I FIRST MET HIM...

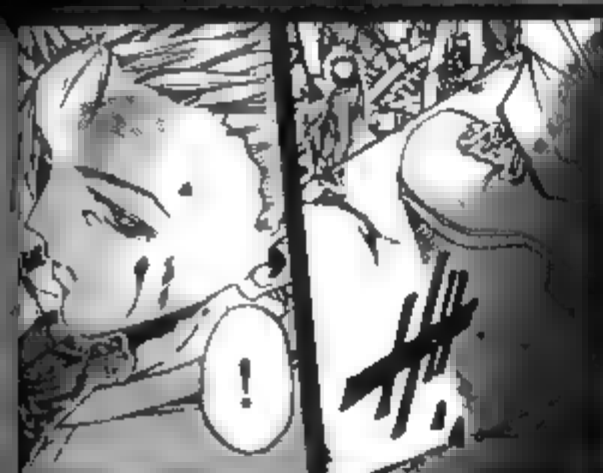
BUT I DO REMEMBER A TIME KAZUCHAN WAS LIKE THIS...



YEAH ...

HEY, GIN-CHAN, HE SEEMS DIFFERENT TODAY

HE'S USUALLY MUCH SMILIER.



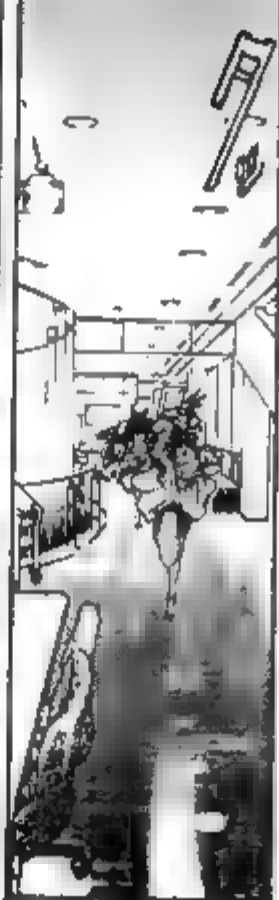
AND HE
ALWAYS HAD
JUUBEI AND
THAT OTHER
GUY BY HIS
SIDE...

YEAH...
KAZU-CHAN
WAS THE
LEADER OF
FUGA BACK
THEN...

NO,
THAT'S
NOT IT...

WHAT
IS THIS
FEELING?
IT'S AS IF
SOMETHING
IS CALLING
ME...

WHY DO I
SEEK OUT
WHAT IS
ABOVE?
BECAUSE I
WANT TO UN-
COVER THE
SECRETS
OF DIVINE
DESIGN...

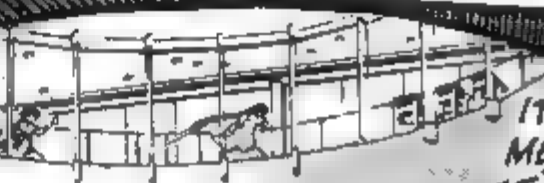


KAZU-
CHAN...



YES,
IT'S ALL
COMING
BACK TO
ME...

...THE
TIME WHEN
I FELT THAT
MY DESTINY
WAS BEING
CONTROLLED
BY SOMETHING
I COULD NOT
SEE...



BACK
BEFORE
THE
VOLTS...

IT REMINDS
ME OF WHEN
I WAS BACK
AT INFINITY
FORTRESS...



KAZU-
CHAN

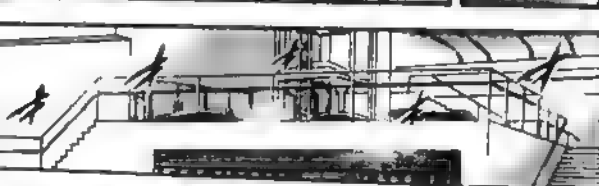


COULD
DIVINE
DESIGN
BE...

WAIT...



SOME
ONE'S...



I'M
GETTING
CHILLS ALL
OVER...



IT'S LIKE
EVERY CELL
IN MY BODY
IS PREPARED
TO FIGHT!



YEAH...



THIS IS
THE TOP
FLOOR,
KAZU-
CHAN..





WATCH
OUT,
HEVN-
SAN!



HUH
?



TOSHIKI IS
A MASTER
OF THE
MURASAME
MARTIAL
ARTS, WHICH
THEY SAY
HAVE TECH-
NIQUES LOST
TO MODERN
AIKIDO.



HEVN-
SAN,
TAKE
COVER!

WHAT
WAS
THAT
?!



IT'S A
REMOTE
GI AT-
TACK!



HE JUST
STUCK
OUT HIS
HAND AND
DAMAGED
THE FLOOR
ALL THE
WAY OVER
HERE!

HEY,
GIN-
CHAN!
WHAT
THE
HELL
WAS
THAT?!



AS AN
EMPLOYEE
HERE, IT'S
MY DUTY TO
DISPOSE OF
YOU

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?
YOU'RE
THE IN-
TRUDERS



WHY
ARE YOU
HERE?

WHAT'S
THE BIG
IDEA,
TOSHI-
KI?

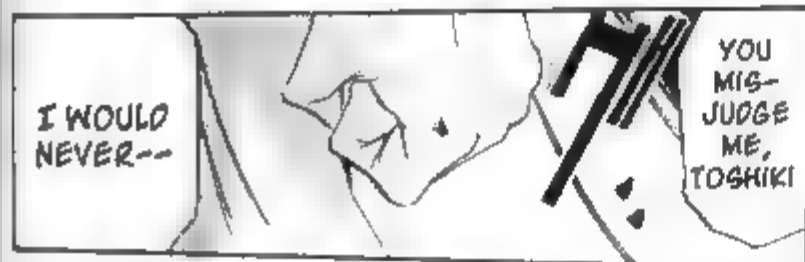


WHAT
FOR? SO I
COULD FIGHT
IN YOUR
NEVER-END-
ING WAR IN
THE DARK-
NESS THAT
IS INFINITY
FORTRESS?!

SEARCHED
FOR ME?
HEH HEH
HOW NICE



WHAT
HAPPENED,
TOSHIKI?
DO YOU
KNOW HOW
LONG I
SEARCHED
FOR YOU
AFTER YOU
VANISHED?
?



I WOULD
NEVER--

YOU
MIS-
JUDGE
ME,
TOSHIKI



HOW
DARE YOU
SPEAK
MY NAME,
KAZUKI
OF THE
STRINGS?

"TOSHI-
KI"?



HOW
COULD
A MAN
OF YOUR
SKILL BE
CAUGHT
UP WITH
THESE
CRIMI-
NALS?!

LIKE YOU
SHOULD
TALK. JUST
HOW FAR
HAVE YOU
FALLEN?

WORKING
THE UN-
DERWORLD
WITH THESE
RETRIEV-
ERS...



THE TIME I
SPENT WITH
YOU DIRTY
DOGS IN
UNDERGROUND
SHINJIKU
IS NOTHING
BUT A BLACK
SPECK ON MY
RECORD.



I AM
NOW A
LEADER
IN TOWER
ARTS.

A
SERVANT
TO THE
ANGEL
LORD,
LUCIFER.



AND
...



I'LL SHOW
YOU THE
DIFFER-
ENCE IN OUR
STRENGTH
NOW.

COME
AT ME!

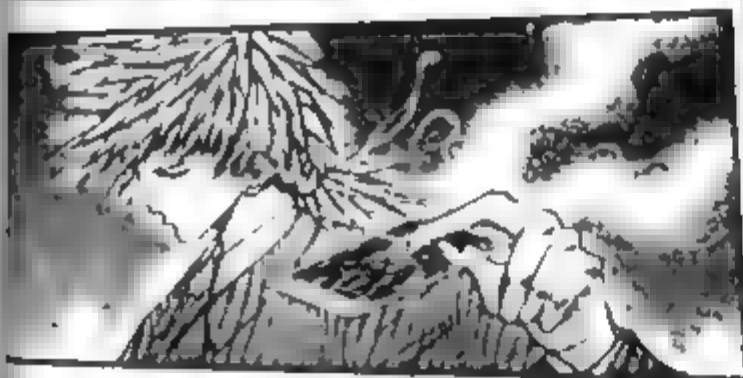


PLEASE
ALLOW
ME TO
FIGHT
HIM
ALONE

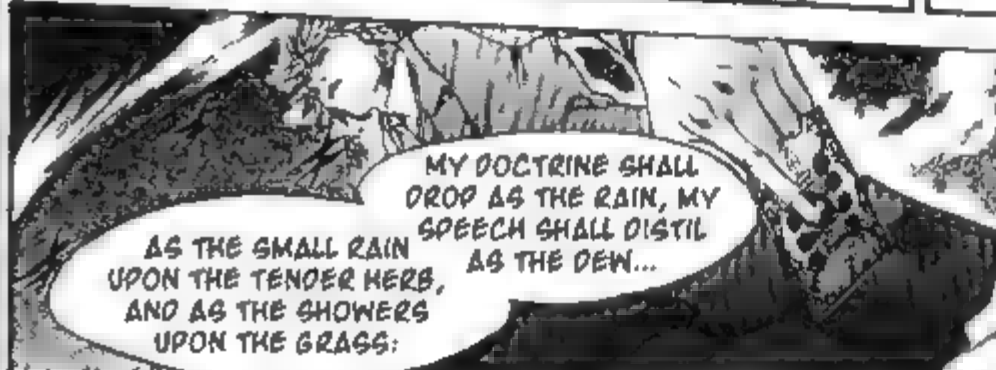
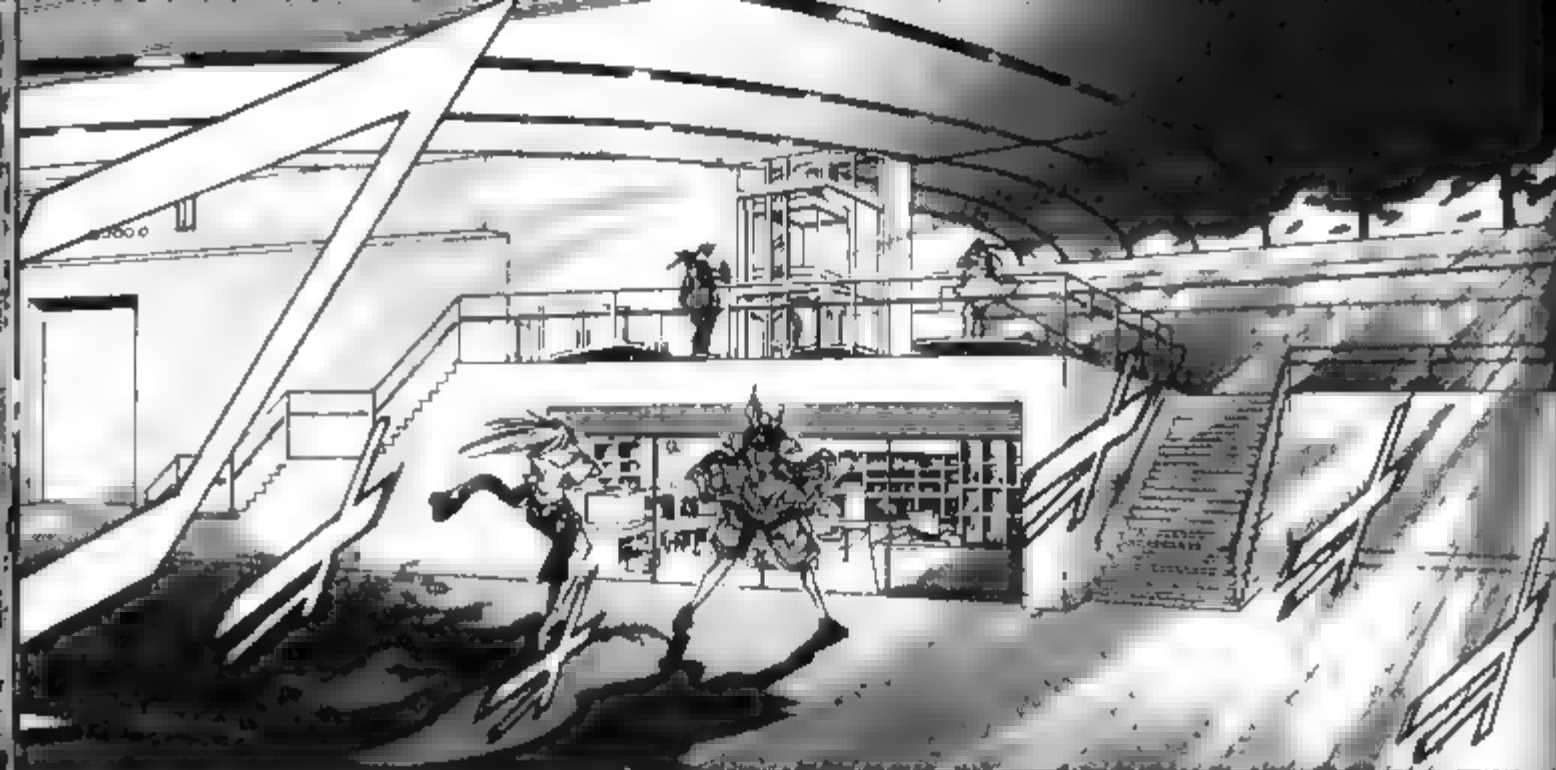


STAY
THERE,
GINJI-
SAN.

KAZUICHAH



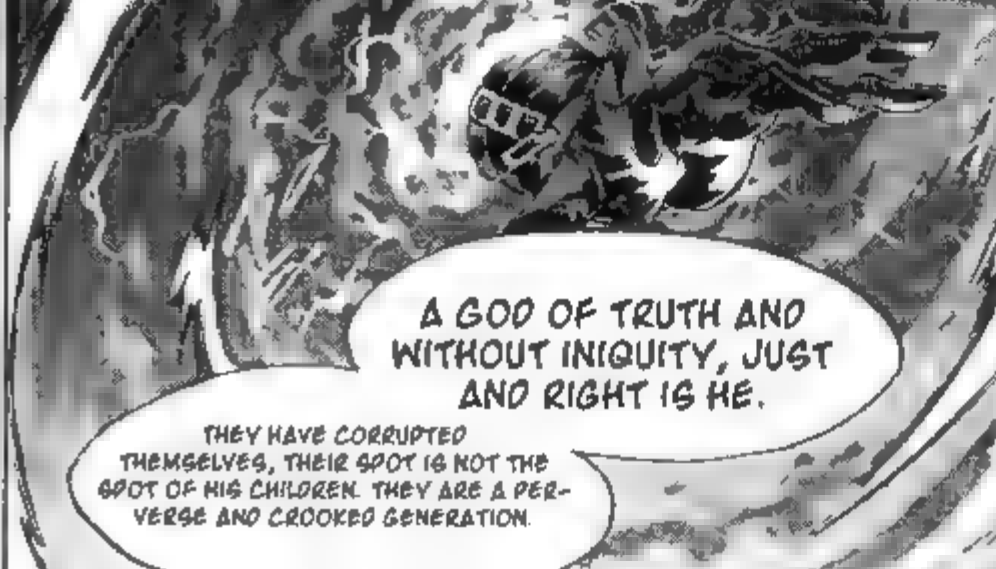
...TO
FORCE
HIM TO
OPEN
HIS
EYES!



AS THE SMALL RAIN
UPON THE TENDER HERB,
AND AS THE SHOWERS
UPON THE GRASS:

MY DOCTRINE SHALL
DROP AS THE RAIN, MY
SPEECH SHALL DISTIL
AS THE DEW...

GIVE EAR, O YE
HEAVENS, AND I WILL SPEAK,
AND HEAR, O EARTH, THE
WORDS OF MY MOUTH.

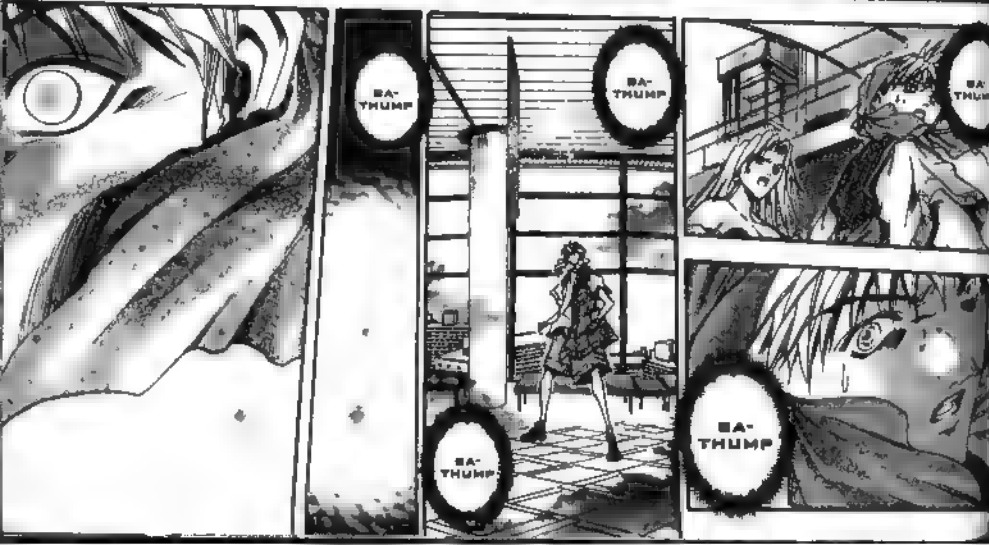


A GOD OF TRUTH AND
WITHOUT INIQUITY, JUST
AND RIGHT IS HE.

THEY HAVE CORRUPTED
THEMSELVES, THEIR SPOT IS NOT THE
SPOT OF HIS CHILDREN. THEY ARE A PER-
VERSE AND CROOKED GENERATION.

BECAUSE I WILL PUBLISH
THE NAME OF THE LORD
ASCRIBE YE GREATNESS
UNTO OUR GOD

HE IS THE ROCK, HIS
WORK IS PERFECT: FOR ALL
HIS WAYS ARE JUDGMENT:







NO
WAY...



KAZU-
CHAN AND
URYU...

VANISHED
?!

GET BACKKERS





TOSHI-
KI...



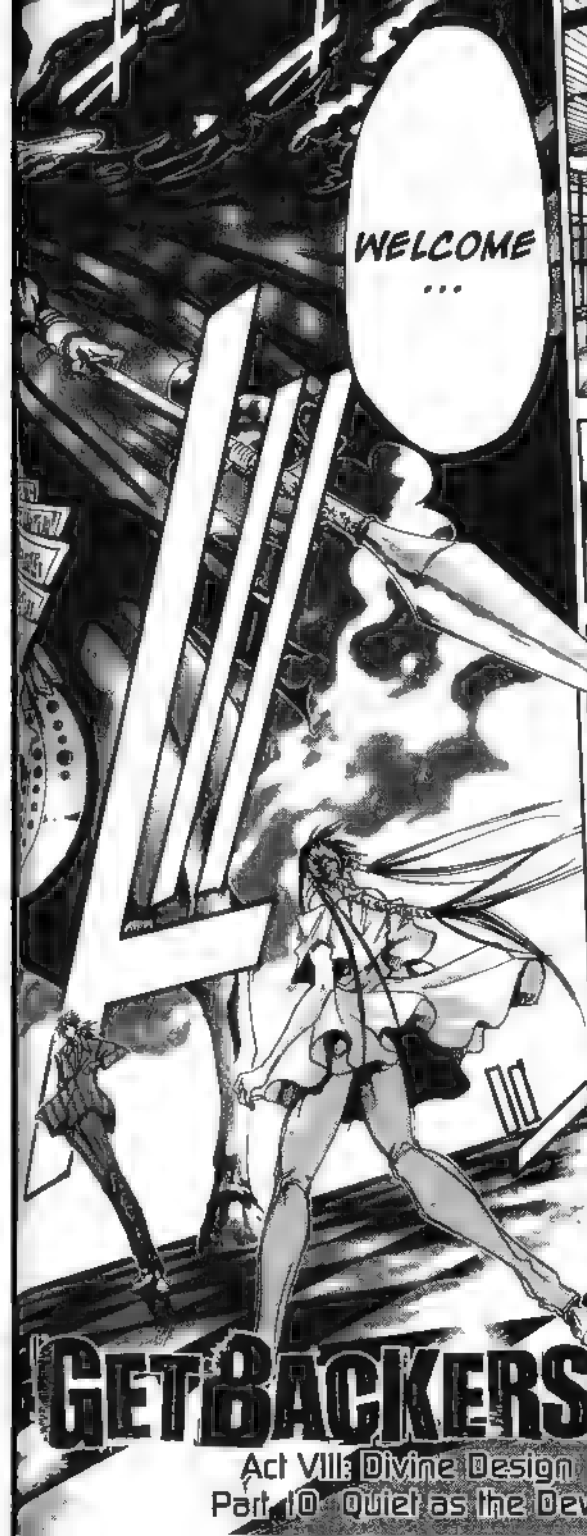
I'LL
LET YOU
DETERMINE
WITH YOUR
OWN EYES
WHETHER
OR NOT
THIS IS A
TRICK.



WHAT
HAD-
PENED?
WHY ARE
YOU IN-
VOLVED
IN THIS,
TOSHIKI?

AN
ANCIENT
MARTIAL
ARTS MAS-
TER LIKE
YOU WOULD
DESPISE
A TRICK
LIKE THIS
MORE THAN
ANYONE!

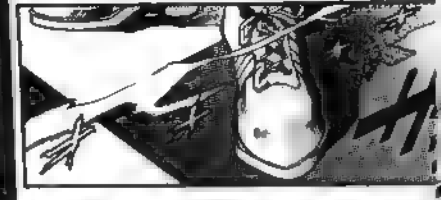
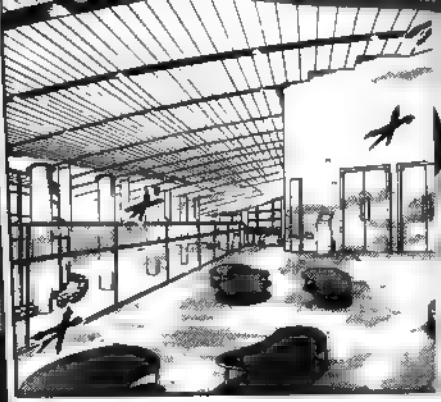
...TO THE
TERRITORY
OF DIVINE
DESIGN!



WELCOME
...

GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design
Part 10: Quiet as the Dew



WHERE
AM I?
WHERE'S
GINJI-
SAN...?

!!

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Ban gets crushed by a man calling himself Lucifer, and as Ginji and Kazuki make their way to the top of the building, they come face to face with Kazuki's old teammate, Toshiki Uryu.

...
VANISHED
?!

KAZU-
CHAN AND
URYU...

NO...

THIS
CAN'T
BE...

NO
WAY!
THEY
WERE
RIGHT
HERE!


KAZU-
CHAN!

WHERE
ARE
YOU?!




THAT'S
POINT-
LESS--
YOUR
STRINGS
CAN'T HIT
ANYTHING
IN THIS
TERRITORY

ONLY THE
CHOSEN
ONES ARE
ALLOWED
TO EXIST
WITHIN THE
TERRITORY
OF DIVINE
DESIGN.



OH
YEAH.
THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME
WE'VE
FOUGHT,
ISN'T
IT ?

SINCE
IT NEVER
CROSSED
MY MIND TO
FACE YOU
BACK IN
THE FUGA
DAYS.



YOU'VE
BEEN
COR-
RUPTED
BY THIS
POWER
?

I'M
NOT
THAT
EASILY
CON-
TROLLED.



HE'S
RIGHT
THERE.

WHERE'S
GINJI-
SAN?!

...IS
BECAUSE
I CHOSE
YOU.

BE
GRATEFUL.
THE REA-
SON YOU
CAN EXIST
HERE..

WHAT
?



YOU JUST
CAN'T SEE
OR TOUCH
THEM.

THOSE
TWO ARE
RIGHT
BEHIND
YOU.



JUST LIKE NOTHING REGISTERS ON A TELEVISION SCREEN THAT'S OUT OF PHASE.



THUS THEIR EXISTENCE DOESN'T EVEN REGISTER TO US.

AND IT'S THE SAME FOR THEM.



HERE, THE SPIRITUAL IS ABLE TO CONTROL THE MATERIAL.



DO YOU UNDERSTAND, KAZUKI?

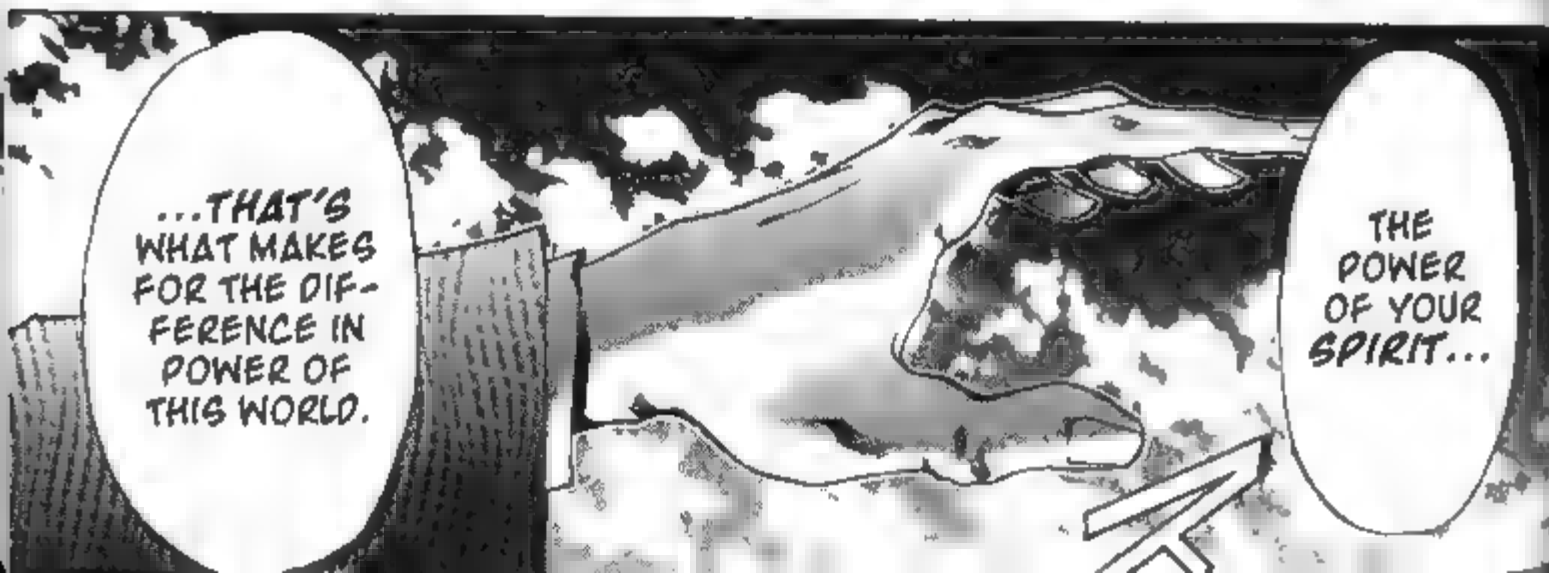
BECAUSE OF THIS CARD'S POWER, YOUR SOUL AND MINE ARE IN A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DIMENSION FROM THEIRS.



THAT'S WHY IF THE SPIRIT IS DESTROYED IN THIS WORLD, THEN THE FLESH WILL ALSO DIE IN THE REAL WORLD.

THE SAME APPLIES HERE.

ACCORDING TO QUANTUM MECHANICS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO EVEN OBSERVE AN OBJECT WITHOUT AFFECTING IT.



...THAT'S WHAT MAKES FOR THE DIFFERENCE IN POWER OF THIS WORLD.

THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT...



**Book of
Defense**
15:3--

**Cocoon
Shield!**

UGH!

THIS IS
MY POWER
WITHIN THE
TERRITORY
OF DIVINE
DESIGN.

I
TOLD
YOU.

A RE-
MOTE Q1
ATTACK?
WHAT
SORT OF
POWER IS
THIS?!



Book of
Offense

27:1

Muddy
Stream!

I
HAVE
YOU
NOW,
TOSHI-
KI!

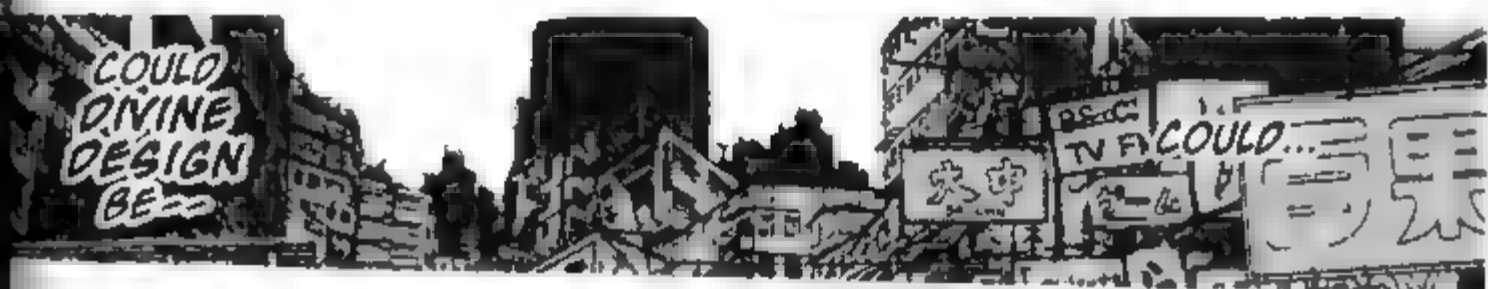
!!

YOUR
ATTACKS
ARE
USELESS
HERE.

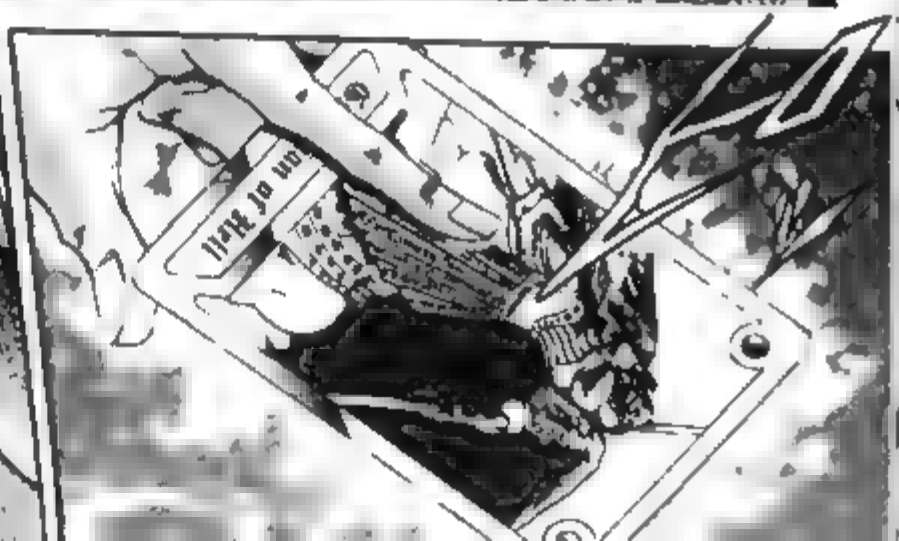
STOP
MAKING ME
REPEAT
MYSELF,
KAZUKI.



W-WHY...?
MY ATTACK
LANDED...



HAVE
YOU HAD
ENOUGH,
KAZUKI?





WHY
DON'T
WE...

...END
THINGS,
NOW?

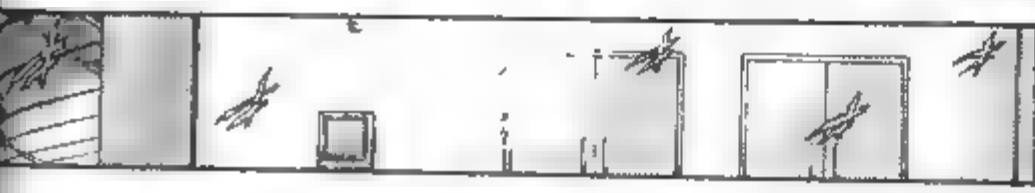


THIS FEELS...
JUST LIKE
BACK AT
INFINITY
FORTRESS...



HEY,
WHAT'S
GOING
ON, GIN-
CHAN?

HOW
COULD
THEY JUST
DISAP-
PEAR, LIKE
IN SOME
MAGIC
TRICK?



KAZU-CHAN
AND URYU...
THEY'RE
NEARBY...

THEY'RE
FIGHTING...



OH NO!
KAZU-
CHAN'S--!

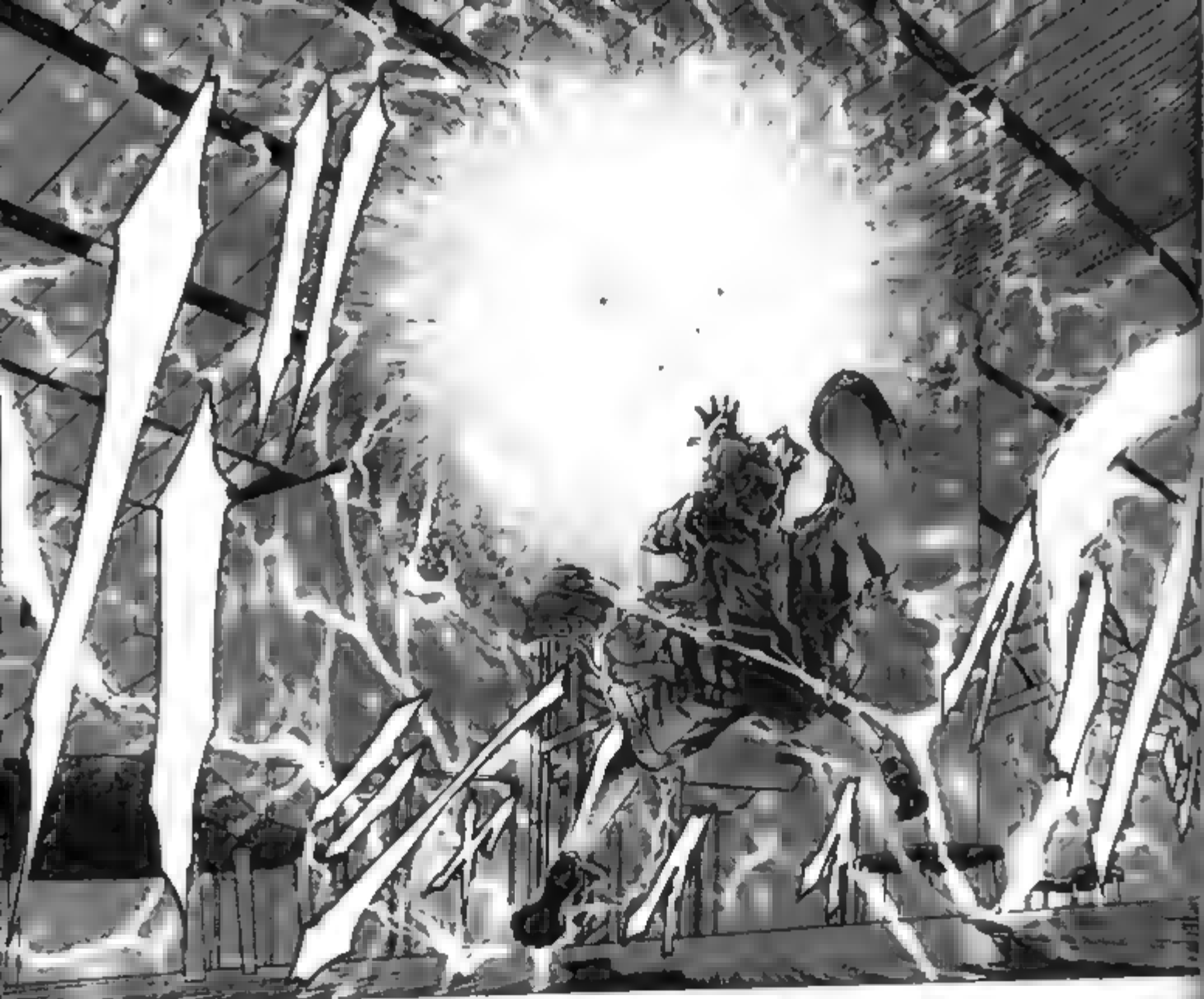


R
R
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H...



HUH?

STAY
BACK,
HEVN-
SAN!



THERE
!!



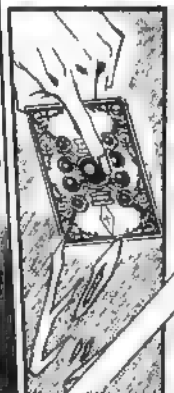
UNBE-
LIEVABLE!
HE CAN
INTER-
FERE
WITH THIS
TERRI-
TORY?!



THE
LIGHT-
NING
LORD!

GINJI-
SAN'S
LIGHT-
NING?!





DEVOUR
THEM
WITH YOUR
VICIOUS
FANGS!

GUARD
DOG OF
HELL,
CER-
BERUS!

WATCH
OUT,
HEVN-
SAN!
HUH
?!

HEY,
GIN-
CHAN!
I THINK
I SAW
SOME-
ONE
THERE...





HEY,
GIN-
CHAN
!!

HEY--



HUH?

HEVN-
SAN,
WE'RE
GETTING
OUT OF
HERE!!



WHAT?



CRASH





STICK!!



STICK!!



STICK

COME ON...



STICK





I...

**...WASN'T
ABLE TO
SAVE
KAZU-
CHAN...**



WELL,
DON'T
GET TOO
DOWN,
REMIEL.

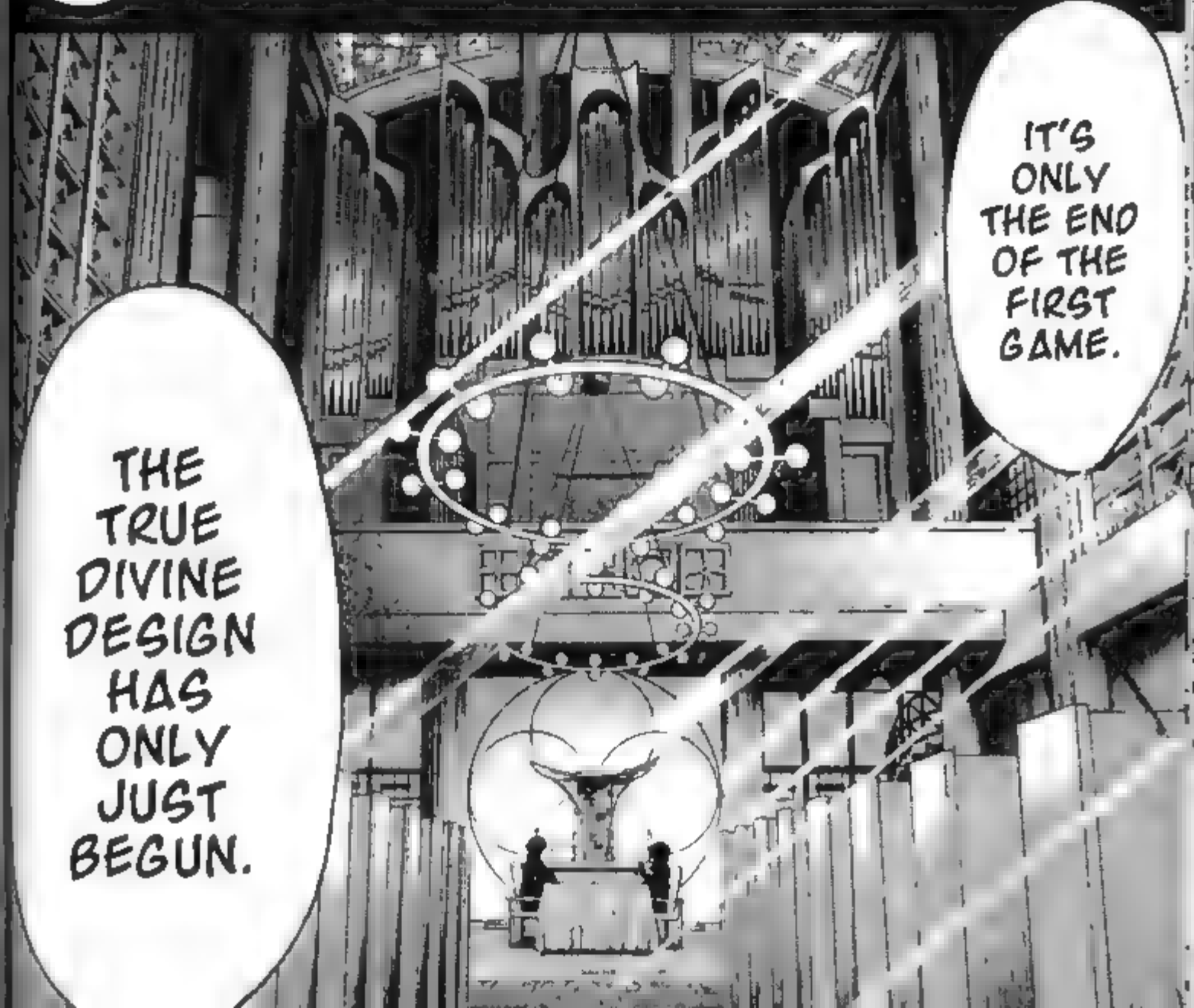
DAMN...
I DIDN'T
EXPECT YOU
TO USE THE
HOUND OF
HADES AS
BACKUP

TEE HEE...
THE MASTER
OF STRING IS
DESTROYED,
AND I WIN.



THE
TRUE
DIVINE
DESIGN
HAS
ONLY
JUST
BEGUN.

IT'S
ONLY
THE END
OF THE
FIRST
GAME.



The GetBackers have been hired to retrieve some runaways! However, Ban was easily defeated by a man calling himself the Angel Lord Lucifer using a mysterious card game known as Divine Design. Gintji was able to escape danger, but they lost Kazuki in the process.

GETBACKERS

YOU
MUST
BECOME
STRONG.

BAN
...

YOU
NEED NOT
WORRY.
MARIA WILL
TAKE CARE
OF YOU.

LISTEN,
BAN. FOR
THE SAKE
OF OUR
CLAN,
YOU WILL
"DIE" HERE
TODAY

IF
YOU CAN
DO THAT,
THEN YOU'LL
ONE DAY
UNDER-
STAND.

LEARN
MORE THAN
OTHERS SO
THAT YOU
CAN SURVIVE
THE PAINFUL
LIFE YOU
HAVE IN
STORE.

THUS IS
THE FATE
OF THOSE
WHO HOST
ASCLEPIUS.

YOUR LIFE
WILL LIKELY
BE BUR-
DENED BY
MUCH MIS-
FORTUNE.

THE
TRUE
REASON
BEHIND
WHY...

YOU
WERE
BORNE
INTO THIS
WORLD.

YOU
BETTER BE
GRATEFUL.
SHE AND
NATSUMI-
CHAN
HAVE BEEN
WATCHING
OVER YOU
ALL NIGHT
LONG.

LUCKY
STIFF!

BAN...?

BAN?

WHY
AM I...
IN-
JURED
?

DON'T
WORRY,
IT'S JUST
TEMP-
PORARY
MEMORY
LOSS.

YOU'RE
AWAKE?

SEE,
WHAT'D
I JUST
TELL
YOU?!

OWW

STAY STILL!
I KNOW YOU'VE
GOT SUPERHUMAN
RECOVERY ABILI-
TIES, BUT EVEN
YOU'LL DIE IF
YOU DON'T REST
FOR A FEW MORE
DAYS!

...WHERE'D
THAT
GOATEE-
FUCKER
GO?!!

GIN-
CHAN'S
...

WHERE'S
GINJI?



GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design
Part II: ¡Buenas Noches!





STOP ARGUING! YOU FAILED, SO DEAL WITH IT. IF YOU ASK ME, IT'D BE WISE TO DROP THE JOB BEFORE YOU GET HURT AGAIN.

I don't wanna see you two dead.

HOW'S THAT?

SHUT UP! THAT FUCKING GOATEE GUY IS GOING STRAIGHT TO HELL!

I GUESS THIS IS TOO MUCH EVEN FOR THE GREAT GETBACK-ERS.

WOW, THE CARDS BECAME REAL? I SUSPECTED SOMETHING WAS UP, BUT WHO'D IMAGINE THAT?!



WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT A WHILE AND SEE IF HE TURNS UP.

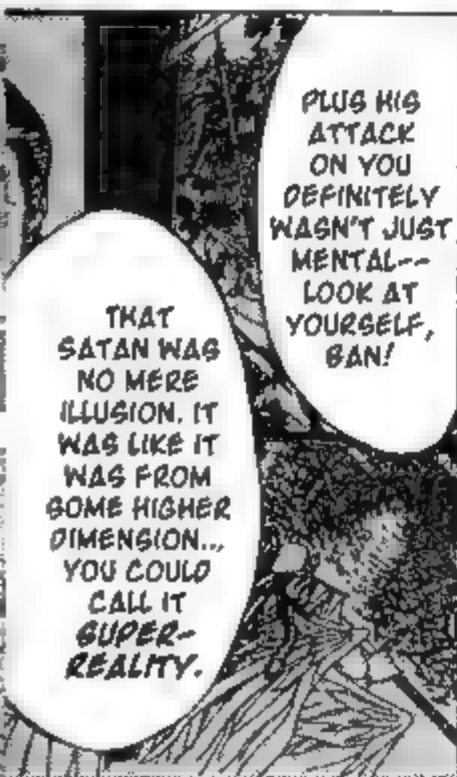
You wanna stay alive, don't you?

BUT WHAT ABOUT KAZU-CHAN?!



IF THESE CARDS ARE REAL, THEN THEY'RE JUST OUT OF OUR LEAGUE. END OF STORY.

WE TOTALLY UNDERESTIMATED THIS ENEMY



THAT SATAN WAS NO MERE ILLUSION. IT WAS LIKE IT WAS FROM SOME HIGHER DIMENSION... YOU COULD CALL IT SUPER-REALITY.

PLUS HIS ATTACK ON YOU DEFINITELY WASN'T JUST MENTAL-- LOOK AT YOURSELF, BAN!



WITH THE EVIL EYE? IF YOU COULDN'T BEATEN HIM WITH THAT, THEN I ASSUME YOU WOULD'VE.



THAT WAS JUST AN ILLUSION THAT SATAN HAS WITCH BLOOD IN HIM.

EVEN I COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



IT HURTS TO SAY IT, BUT I AGREE. WHEN THAT SATAN EMERGED FROM THAT FOUNTAIN ...

...IT WAS JUST LIKE AN ANGEL COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN...



TALK LIKE THAT REMINDS ME OF INFINITY FORTRESS.

SUPER... REALITY?



THE ONLY
DIFFERENCE
IS THAT IT'S
NOT SOME
KIND OF
COMPUTER
SYSTEM...

...BUT
RATHER
A POWER
CREATED BY
HUMANS.

I DIDN'T
UNDER-
STAND THAT
MUMBO-
JUMBO
ABOUT HOW
POWERFUL
THE ENEMY
IS, BUT I
CAN'T JUST
LET IT GO

KAZU-
CHAN
IS MY
FRIEND.

GIN-
CHAN?

PLUS...

SORRY,
BUT I'M
GOING.





PLUS I
THINK
THAT
KAZU-
CHAN...

...IS
WAITING
FOR ME.



GIN-
CHAN
..



BAN-CHAN!
YOU'RE GONNA
HELP ME GIVE
KAZU-CHAN?!

FOLLOW
ME!



...LIH-
HUH.



WE'RE
OFF.



WHO YOU
CALLIN'
SCARDO
?!

YOU
SCARDO
?



YOU
IDIOT!
GOING
NOW
WOULD
BE LIKE
FIGHTING
COME, A TANK--
NAKED!

Huh?
Me
too?



HMM?

LATER,
PAUL...

HEH

NAH,
DON'T
WORRY.

YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO STOP
THEM?

HE'S
FINALLY SET
ASIDE HIS
PRIDE--HE'S
REALIZED
IT'S TIME TO
TAKE THINGS
SERIOUSLY.

THAT
WAS A
LONG
TIME
AGO!

HUH?
BUT YOU
USED
TO LIVE
WITH
HIM!

RIGHT,
HIMIKO-
CHAN?!

WHY'RE
YOU
ASKING
ME?

JEEZ,
WHERE
ARE WE
GOING
ANY-
WAY?

DON'T
WORRY,
HEVN-SAN.
AT TIMES LIKE
THIS, BAN-
CHAN NEVER
DISAPPOINTS.

NEVER
DISAP-
POINTS,
EH?

Ban-
chan's
sure
for the
win today
streak.



WHOA
...

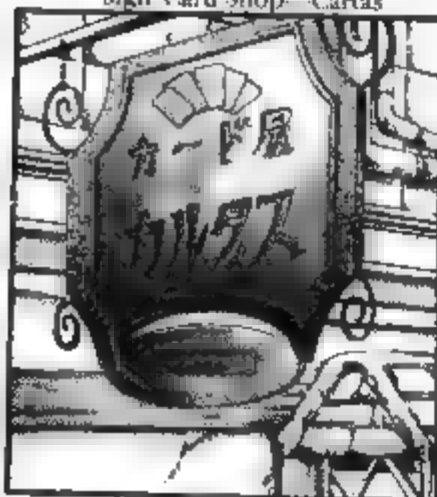
THIS
PLACE
IS ALL
FORTUNE-
TELLERS!

DON'T
GET THE IDEA
IT'S LIKE
THOSE PLACES
IN HARAJUKU
WHERE NOISY
HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS HANG
OUT AND GET
THEIR PALMS
READ...

FORTUNE-
TELLER
ALLEY?

THIS IS
UNDER-
GROUND
SHINJUKU'S
FORTUNE-
TELLER
ALLEY.

Sign Card Shop- Cartas



WE'RE
HERE.

WHA
?

CULT?

WHEN
THEY'RE
NOT HERE,
THEY'RE SELL-
ING ORGANS
AND WHATNOT
JUST TO
SURVIVE ..

FORTUNE-
TELLER ALLEY
IS JUST THIS
SIDE OF A
GRAVEYARD
THE GUYS
WHO HANG
OUT HERE ARE
A MERE STEP
AWAY FROM
SUICIDE.



CARD
SHOP,
CARTAS?

HMMH



SCARY

BWH
!!

SO
OBVIOUSLY
MOST OF THESE
FORTUNETELLERS
ARE CONNECTED
TO SOME KIND OF
CULT OR BLACK
MARKET
ACTIVITY...



...THAT
SHE'S
FORESEEN
WE'D BE
COMING
HERE.

NO,
I'M
SURE...

LOOKS
EMPTY.



A
GHOST
?!

W-
WHAT
?!!



ALL
THOSE
WHO SET
FOOT
WITHIN. .

...WILL
NEVER
LEAVE
ALIVE.



WHO
DARES
HAVE
THE INSOLENCE
TO TRESPASS
WITHIN MY
DOMAIN?



HUH
?
Fore-
seen?



...NEVER
LEAVE
ALIVE...

..NEVER
LEAVE
ALIVE.



I'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FOR YOU,
BAAAAN!



BUENAS
TARDES!



DAMN
HAG! SO
EAGER
TO ROB
THE
CRADLE!

What
a
hag?

You're
too
kind!

OH,
REALLY?
WHAT A
CUTIE!



HUH
?

SHE'S
A
HAG!

YEAH,
BAN-CHAN
DON'T BE
RUDE TO
SUCH A
HOTTIE!

OOOH,
BAN,
YOU'RE AS
MEAN AS
ALWAYS!
BE NICE
TO A
LADY!

HI!
I'M BAN-
CHAN'S
PARTNER,
GINJI
AMANO!!

OH
MY--
WHO'S
THIS?



SHE'S A
WITCH--MY
GRANDMOTHER'S
BEST DISCIPLE.
SHE'S A TOTAL
MONSTER!

A HUN-
DRED?

I'M
MARIA!
NICE TO
MEET
YOU!

And I'm
only 99! ♡

DON'T
LET HER
DISGUISE FOOL
YOU. SHE'S
ACTUALLY A
HUNDRED-
YEAR-OLD
GRANNY!



There's
more
?! ♡

If that's
enough to
break you
out already,
your survival
prospects
aren't good

SWAH?

*A representation
of Hevn's inaudible
scream



THEN
YOU
MUST
KNOW
ABOUT
THESE.



AS
YOU
SAY. ♡



SO, WHAT'S
GOING ON?
WHAT WOULD
A BAD BOY
WHO RAN
OFF TEN
YEARS AGO
WANT WITH
SOMEONE
LIKE ME?

♡
I can
see you're
injured.

I'M
SURE YOUR
CARDS AL-
READY TOLD
YOU THE-
ANSWER TO
THAT QUES-
TION.

YAY!

CARDS?



WHAT DO
YOU WANT
TO KNOW
ABOUT
THEM?

REPLI-
CAS?

THE
DIVINE
DESIGN
REPLICAS,
RIGHT?

♡



GUARD-
IAN
CARDS?

YOU
MEAN
THESE
?



OH, I
SEE.
♡

THEN
START
BY PULL-
ING OUT
YOUR
GUARD-
IAN
CARDS



HEY
...



I NEED
TO KNOW
HOW TO
USE
THEM.



HEY, MARIA-
SAN, IF YOU
DO THAT--

WHA
--?!



OH MY!



HUH?

AT THIS RATE, THAT LUCIFER GUY IS GOING TO KICK ALL YOUR BUTTS!



TEE HEE



NOO!

HOT!
SO HOT!

BAN,
MAKE
HER
STOP!

HEY

YOU
OLD
HAG!!



MATERI-
ALIZE?

BURNING
THESE CHEAP
FAKES ISN'T
ENOUGH TO
MATERIALIZ
E BURNING
TO DEATH
IN REALITY.

OF
COURSE!



HUH...?
THE
HEAT'S
GONE..

YOU'RE
RIGHT...
BUT
WHY?



WHAT DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT THAT
GOATEE
BASTARD,
MARIA?



FOLLOW
ME.

I'LL
SHOW
YOU THE
REAL
DIVINE
DESIGN.



I HAVEN'T
USED THEM IN
AGES, SO THE
DUST LAYER IS
PRETTY THICK

HERE
IT IS!





ONLY TWO
OR THREE
OTHER SETS
SHOULD EXIST
ANYMORE.
AND ONE SET
IS OWNED BY
LUCIFER.



WHOA,
THEY'RE
ALL BEAT
UP!

THESE
ARE THE
ORIGINAL,
AUTHENTIC
DIVINE
DESIGN
CARDS.
♡



THAT
BAS-
TARO?



HUH?

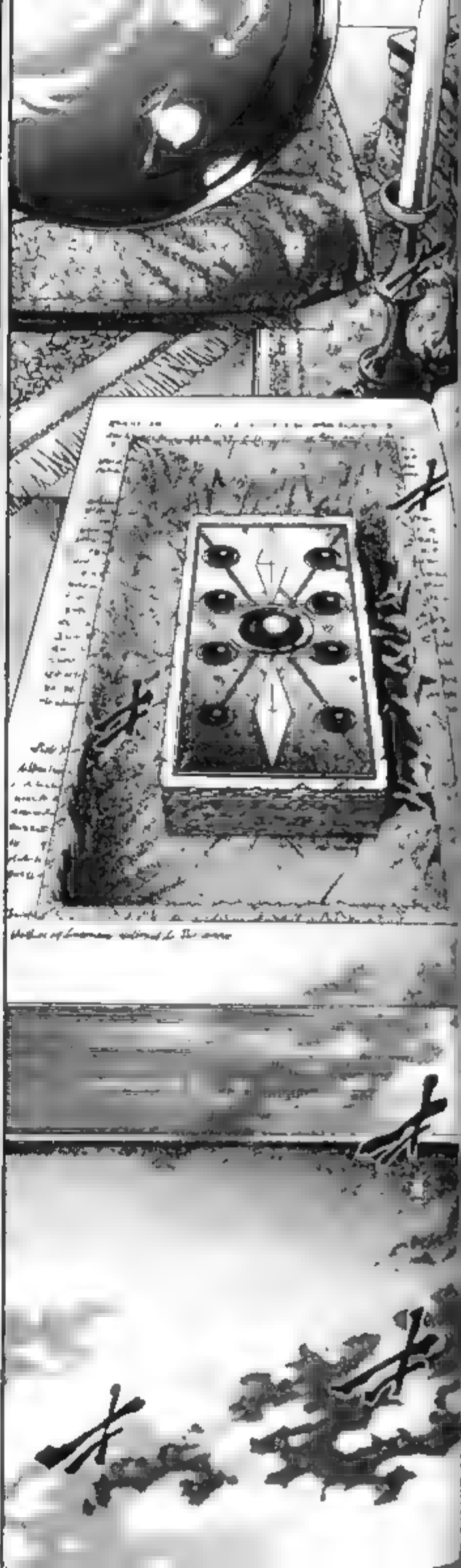


SO
WHAT'S
SO GREAT
ABOUT
THESE
CARDS?

OH!
♡
THAT'S
A GOOD
QUES-
TION!
♡



WELL,
LET'S SEE
HOW ABOUT
THIS ..?





GET BACKKERS



The GetBackers, hired to retrieve some runaways, have been joined on the job by Kazuki, Himiko and Hoen. But things turn grim as they are seen defeated by enemies wielding a mysterious card game called Divine Design and Kaede vanishes after fighting his former friend Toshiaki Uryu! Looking forward to a rematch with Angel Lord Lucifer, Ban and co. head to the shop of the fortuneteller Maria, but

THIS IS
THE REAL
DIVINE
DESIGN.

THIS AND
MAYBE TWO
OR THREE
MORE SETS
ARE ALL
THAT EXIST
NOW...
...AND
LUCIFER
HOLDS
ONE OF
THEM.

WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING,
OLD
HAG?!

WHA
...?!

THAT
BAG-
TARD?!

HMM...
WELL,
LET'S
SEE...

BUT
WHAT'S
SO GREAT
ABOUT
THESE
BEAT-UP
CARDS?!

HOW
ABOUT
THIS...?

TEE
HEE...

!



G
I
N
J
I
I
!!!

BA-
THUMP

BA-
THUMP

Act VIII: Divine Design
Part 12 You Can't Bake a Cake...

GET BACKERS



TEE HEE
POOR,
IGNORANT
FAN

HEY MARIA,
HOW ABOUT
AN EXPLA-
NATION?

WERE
THE EVIL
EYE AND
THE ASLE-
PING SPELL
THE ONLY
THINGS YOU
INHERITED
FROM YOUR
GRAND-
MOTHER?

HMMM?

YOU
MAY
HAVE
SOME
TALENT,
BOY.

♡

VERY...
HEART-
RACING...

SO,
HOW DID
IT FEEL TO
HAVE YOUR
HEART
RIPPED
OUT AND
PUT BACK
AGAIN?

♡

SHUT
UP!

Isn't
he?

He could
do it if he
tried, but
he's just so
stubborn.

♡

SO WHAT
I SAW
WAS THAT
OTHER
WORLD?

HOLD
IT!
THEN
THAT
MEANS
--?

YUP!
♡
YOU DO
HAVE PO-
TENTIAL!

♡

IF THE
WORLD WE
NORMALLY
SEE IS RE-
ALITY, THEN
THERE'S ALSO
A WORLD
YOU COULD
CALL UPPER
REALITY.

YES...

A GOOD
EXAMPLE
WOULD BE
WHEN A
SPIRIT
STARTS
CHOKING
YOU IN YOUR
SLEEP AND
WHEN YOU
WAKE UP YOU
FIND FINGER
MARKS
AROUND YOUR
THROAT

♡

AND WHAT-
EVER HAD-
PENS THERE
ALSO LEAVES
A MARK ON
THE WORLD
OF REALITY

SIMPLY PUT,
HUMANS THINK
THE WORLD THEY
SEE IS ALL THAT
EXISTS--BUT
THAT'S JUST
NOT TRUE.

THAT
WAS JUST
A LITTLE
TRICK USING
SOME OF
THE POWER
OF DIVINE
DESIGN.

♡



THOUGH
WHETHER
OR NOT YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO
MASTER IT--
THAT'S
ENTIRELY
UP TO
YOU.
♡

NOW,
FOLLOW
ME,
WON'T
YOU?



IF YOU
WANT THE
POWER OF
DIVINE DESIGN,
THEN I'LL LEND
YOU A HAND.



ONCE YOU
BECOME A
POWERFUL CARD
USER KNOWN AS
A DOMINATOR,
YOU'RE ABLE
TO SHOW THIS
ALTERNATE RE-
ALITY TO OTHER
PEOPLE AND TO
PULL THEM INTO
THE WORLD
YOU CREATE

AND IF
MULTIPLE
DOMINA-
TORS GET
TOGETHER,
THEY CAN
EVEN CONTROL
EVERYONE
UNDER THEIR
SPELL LIKE
PIECES ON A
BOARD.



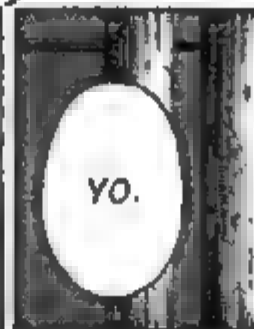
MEANING
THAT THE
BATTLES
YOU'VE HAD
SO FAR
HAVE JUST
BEEN PART
OF THAT
GAME.
♡

BY USING
YOUR CARDS,
THEY CAN
CONTROL YOU
HOWEVER
THEY WISH.



IT WENT
ALMOST
EXACTLY
LIKE WE
PLANNED.

WE'RE
GOING
OVER THE
GAME
RIGHT
NOW.



YO.



WELCOME
BACK,
SARIEL.

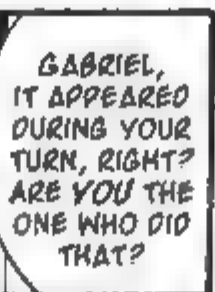


HAD IT
NOT AP-
PEARED

THAT
WAS
UNEX-
PECTED



WHAT?!
WHY WOULD
I DO SOME-
THING LIKE
THAT?!



GABRIEL,
IT APPEARED
DURING YOUR
TURN, RIGHT?
ARE YOU THE
ONE WHO DID
THAT?



WELL,
IT SEEMS
LIKE YOU AND
THOSE RE-
TRIEVERS ARE
OLD BUDDIES.



ASIDE FROM
ASCLEPIUS'
APPEAR-
ANCE...

...RIGHT?

STOP
IT.

WE
ARE THE
CHOSEN
ONES, THE
ARCH-
ANGELS.

IF WE
AREN'T
UNIFIED,
THEN LORD
LUCIFER'S
PLANS WILL
SUFFER.

OUR FATE
HAS LED US
TO BECOME
POWERFUL
DOMINATORS.

...WE
ARCHANGELS
ARE NOT
PERMITTED
TO MAKE
A SINGLE
MISTAKE.

IN
ORDER
FOR THE
DAY OF
FREEDOM
TO COME

TRUST
IN DIVINE
DESIGN
AND TAKE
HEED OF ITS
VOICE

THE
GAME
HAS ONLY
JUST
BEGUN

AFTER ALL,
WE'VE ALREADY
GOT OUR HANDS
ON THE ALL-
IMPORTANT
MASTER OF
STRING CARD.

HEH...
IT DOESN'T
MATTER.
WE'RE GOING
TO WIN THIS
GAME NO
MATTER
WHAT.



LET'S SEE
WHETHER OR
NOT THEY WILL
BE ABLE TO
MASTER THE
POWER OF
THE CARDS,
HMMM?



HOW
ABOUT
WE JUST
OBSERVE
THINGS
FOR
WHILE?





HMM...

WITH ALL THESE GUESTS, I FIGURE WE SHOULD HAVE A BIG DINNER TONIGHT

Welcome, welcome!
Enjoy our red tag sale!
Can you believe these crazy prices today?!

OH MY, THIS IS A LITTLE EXPENSIVE.

WE JUST NEED TO USE THE CARDS, RIGHT?

HUH?

I FIGURED YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND IF I EXPLAINED IT, SO I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU WITH A LITTLE HANDS-ON

RELAX!

HEY, HAG! WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO HELP YOU SHOP!

SO, WHAT DO WE DO?

THE MORE THE MERRIER, RIGHT? PLUS IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DESIGN AS WELL, ANYWAY

I HAVE TO DO IT TOO?

THEN, HOLD THE CARD IN YOUR LEFT HAND, AND WHILE IMAGINING YOURSELF BEING ABSORBED BY THE PICTURE ON IT

DO YOU EACH HAVE YOUR CARD?

YES!

PFT!

BEFORE YOU CAN LEARN, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND!!

THAT'S HOW YOUR GRANDMOTHER TAUGHT ME





BUT, MARIA-SAN...

...WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS?



DON'T THINK ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT.

JUST OPEN YOUR MIND AND BELIEVE. BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN STACK EGGS HIGHER THAN YOURSELF.



IF YOU CAN'T DO AT LEAST THIS...

...YOU'LL NEVER BECOME A DOMINATOR OR STAND EVEN A CHANCE AGAINST LUCIFER.



...YOU WILL COME CLOSER TO USING DIVINE DESIGN.

BY FIRST REMOVING THE DOUBT IN YOUR OWN MIND...



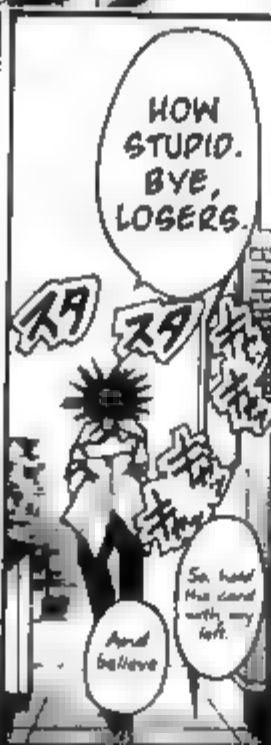
YOU
EACH HAVE
AN INFINITE
AMOUNT OF
POTENTIAL
WITHIN YOU
THAT YOU
HAVEN'T EVEN
NOTICED
YET!

I BELIEVE
IN YOUR-
SELVES!



OH HH!!!
BAN-
CHAN!!!

SHUT
UP!! I'M
LEAVING--



HOW
STUPID.
BYE,
LOSERS.

And
believe

So, head
the card
with my
left.



For just
a bit

I'll
give it a
try.

I THINK
I CAN
DO IT!

Motivated



GINJI'S
JUST TOO
STUPID TO
REALIZE
IT...

CALM
DOWN!
IT'S GOTTA
BE ONE OF
MARIA'S
TRICKS!



HUH?

OH...

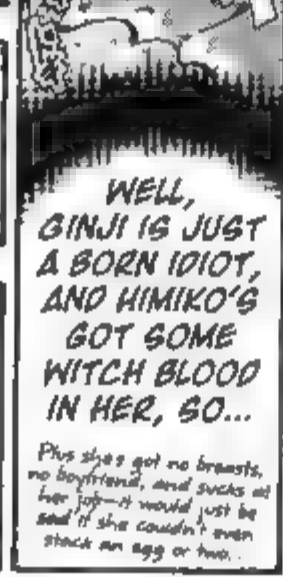


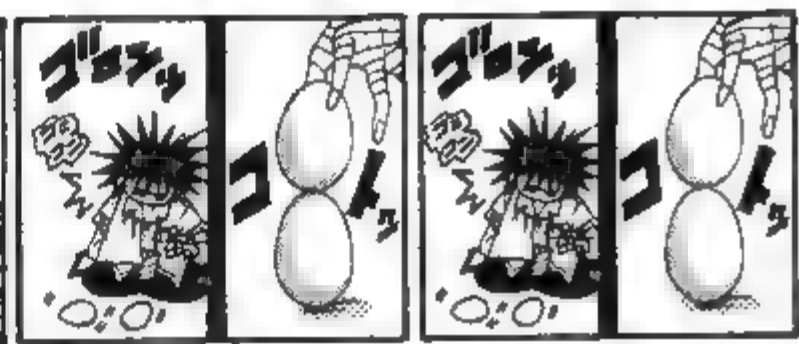
I-
IMPOS-
SIBLE

YAAAY!

SMOOCH

SUCH A
GOOD
BOY! I
KNEW
YOU HAD
TALENT!

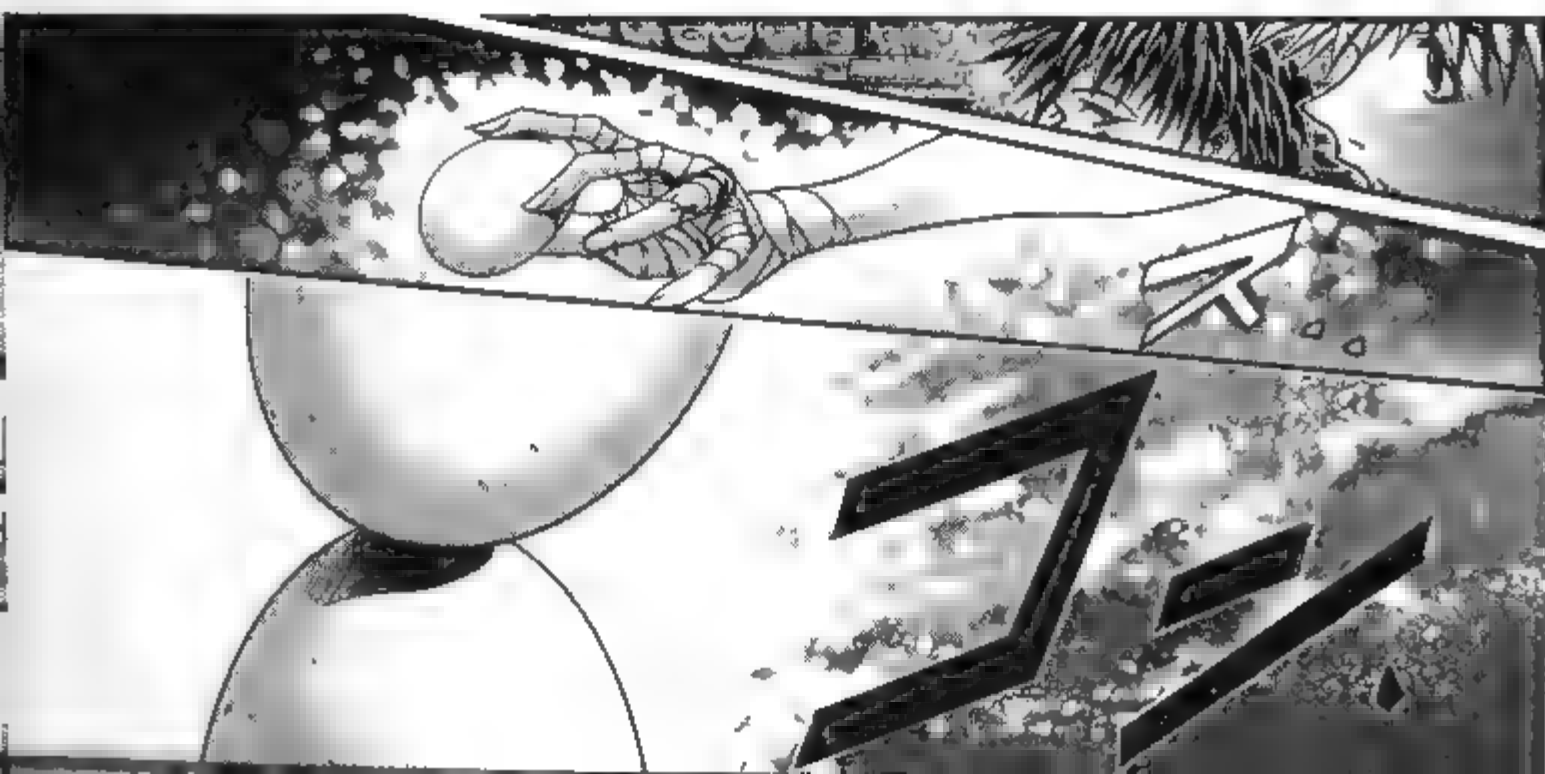


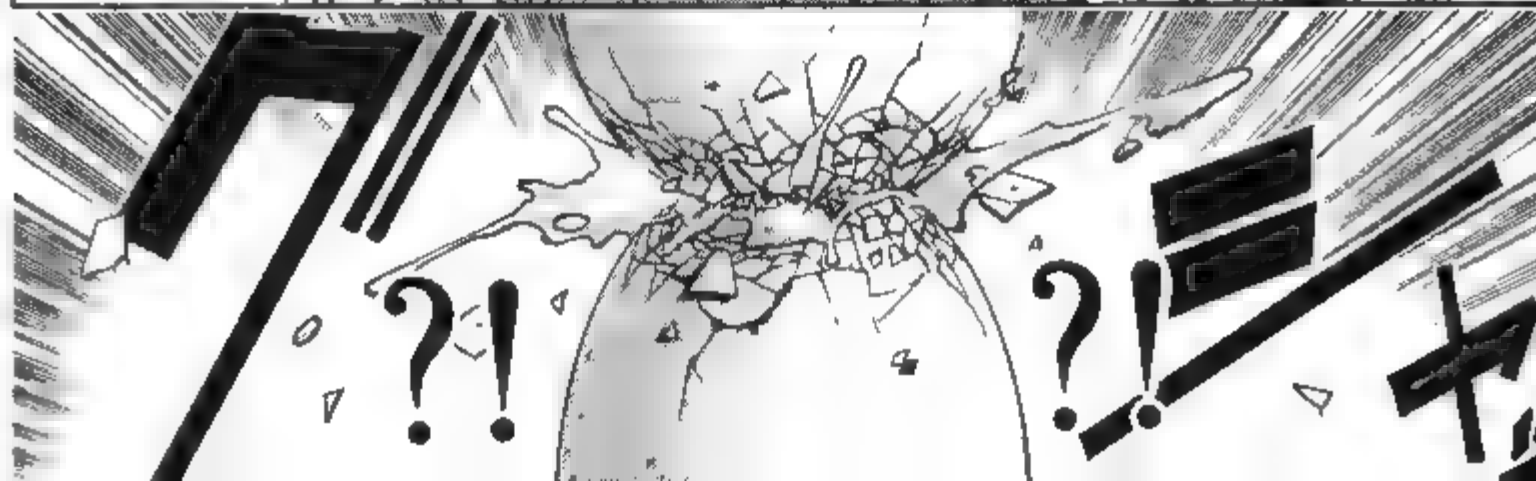




...THE
BLOOD OF
A TRULY
GREAT
WITCH.

WITHIN
YOUR VEINS
FLOWS
THE BLOOD
OF YOUR
GRAND-
MOTHER...





NOTHING IS
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR THE
GREAT BAN
MIDOU!

Ah hahahaha!!

HOW
ABOUT
THAT
?!!!

WATCH
THIS! HERE
COMES
NUMBER
FIVE!

I CAN
DO SO
LIKE
THIS!

SIR,
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

Mommy,
what's
going
on?

Shh!
Don't
store.

THAT'LL
BE 1920
YEN!

OH MY,
LOOKS LIKE
THIS COULD
TAKE A
WHILE.
♡

Take-Home

To be continued in Volume 16

In the next electrifying volume of

GETBACKERS

Stacking eggs is just one tiny step on the road to becoming a Dominator...and it looks like Ban is taking a wrong turn! Or perhaps he just favors an alternate route...in any case, it looks like maybe Kazuki isn't the only one whose journey will end at the grave! As the fallen Archangels gather, Ginji tries to talk them out of their world domination plans...all kids really want is some ice cream and hugs from their moms, right? Maybe not if they're the Children of God...

Everyone will have to face their personal demons in the battle to remake the world in the next earthshaking volume of *GetBackers!*



GETBACKERS

しょう かい
スタッフ紹介

伊川 良樹

YOSHIKI IKAWA

榎並 博昭

HIROAKI ENAMI

岡田 明典

AKINORI OKADA

岡田 有希

YUKI OKADA

為永 裕子

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The "Thank You for Buying Volume 15" Section!

Each week goes by
so fast these days.
Already at volume
15--time flies. We've
gained some new
members!

Thanks for all the
fan letters! We really
appreciate them!

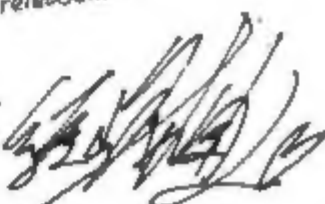
Thanks to those who are using the
GetBackers calendar! It makes us so happy...

Sorry for
collapsing
again...

Thanks, guys! And
congrats on your
wedding, Shou-kun! Hope
you have a happy life!

I need to take
better care of
myself...

I heard there
may be another
video game
release...

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YUKO TAMENAGA
Loves Gundam



Next issue...the party!



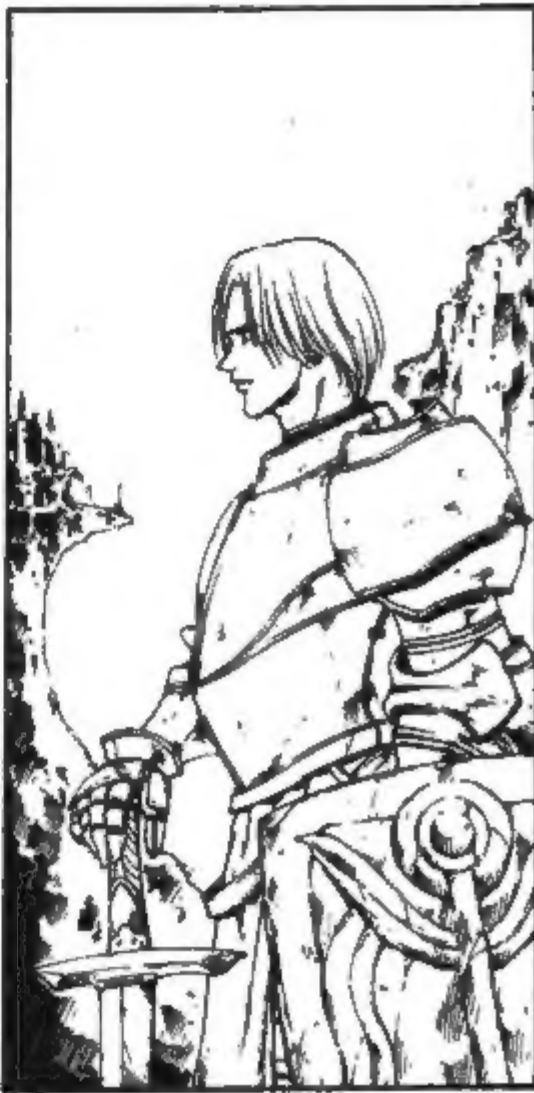
(Tamenaga-san) (Okada-san)



(Photo by Tamenaga)



Hiroaki Enami



A Fun Year-End Party

Akinori Okada

DARK PRINCE



FANTASTIC DE GO!

"Can I work in a sailor suit?"
Yuki Okada
Nickname:
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Ginji and Ban are back on the trail of some missing kids and the Divine Design card game that lured them away. When the GetBackers infiltrate the game company's headquarters, Ban faces off against a powerful foe who's playing for keeps with a stacked deck! But when a bewitching beauty shows up, will she steal Ginji's heart?!



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